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# SHOCKING RISE IN SELF-HARMING

## Hospital records reveal depth of teens' anguish

EXCLUSIVE

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

**DISTURBING** statistics revealed today by Kent on Sunday show the county's children are increasingly being admitted to hospital with self-inflicted injuries.

Our exclusive investigation found that almost 400 under-18s were treated throughout the county in 2009-10, compared to just over 200 five years ago.

The figures also make for grim reading for parents of teenage girls, as since 2005 more than 1,100 have been admitted for self-inflicted injuries compared to just 311 boys.

KOS Media obtained the data through Freedom of Information Act requests to five NHS trusts in Kent – Medway, Bexley, East Kent, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, and Dartford and Gravesham.

While the most common form of injury was a slashed arm or wrist, other cases reported by the trusts include one youngster jumping from a high place and others who attempted hanging, burning, poisoning and solvent abuse.

Claire Usiskin – policy and communications manager for the YoungMinds charity – said social networking websites are partly to blame for the growing problem.

“There is anecdotal evidence that the internet society and self-harming networks allow children to discuss their problems and egg each other on,” she said.

“In an ideal world the websites wouldn't exist at all because there are better ways to solve your problems than cutting yourself or pulling your hair out.

“Lots of children use self-harming as a coping method when things are not going well.

“They say the physical pain relieves them for a short time from the psychological pain, and that when they are doing it all they can really feel is the emotional relief.”

• **Turn to page 11 to read our exclusive report on self-harming.**

## Deadly catch of the day

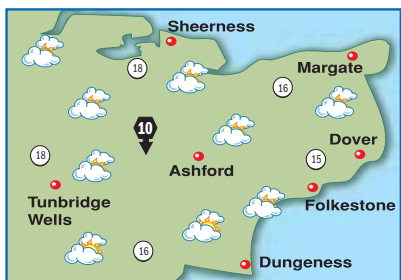
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## Around Britain

		°C	°F			°C	°F
Aberdeen	cloudy	17	63	London	fair	20	68
Belfast	fair	18	64	Liverpool	fair	17	63
Birmingham	fair	19	66	Manchester	fair	17	63
B'mouth	sun	20	68	Newcastle	fair	17	63
Bristol	sun	17	63	Norwich	fair	15	59
Cardiff	sun	19	66	Oxford	sun	20	68
Cork	fair	19	66	Southsea	sun	20	68
Edinburgh	cloudy	19	66	S'hampton	sun	19	66
Glasgow	cloudy	17	63	Southport	fair	16	61
Isle of Man	fair	16	61	Swansea	sun	18	64
Leeds	fair	18	64	Torquay	sun	19	66

## Sun & moon

Sunrise	4.37am	Sunset	9.17pm	Lighting up times:
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## High Tides

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St Mary's	11.59 4.7 - -	00.28 4.8 13.07 4.7

## Week ahead

<b>monday</b> Sunny spells. max 20C min 10C	<b>thursday</b> Sunny periods. max 22C min 11C
<b>tuesday</b> Variable cloud. max 21C min 10C	<b>friday</b> Dry and bright. max 22C min 11C
<b>wednesday</b> Dry. Sunny. max 22C min 11C	<b>saturday</b> Showers. max 21C min 12C

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# Our infrastructure at breaking point, warn engineers

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A DAMNING report on the South East's water, waste, transport and energy systems has concluded the region's infrastructure is at breaking point.

The study by the Institute of Civil Engineers (ICE) warns that unless the Government acts on issues such as renewable energy and local authority funding, Kent will be at the mercy of more floods, black-outs and droughts in the future.

Regional director John Laverty told KOS Media the report was part of a national assessment which found the UK's infrastructure to be in poor condition overall.

## Wastewater

He said: "Infrastructure underpins economic growth and quality of life in the South East and it is stretched to full capacity.

"Sources of funding are scarce and there are urgent challenges to address, including a legacy of underinvestment, a growing population and the transition to a low-carbon economy.

"We must take urgent action if we are to meet environmental goals and retain a strong economy."

The region's infrastructure was appraised using an A to E grading system, with 'A' meaning 'fit for future' and 'E' meaning 'not fit for purpose'.

Waste management and flood risk were both awarded 'D' grades – meaning 'at risk' – while energy, transport and water and wastewater were all marked 'C' or 'requires attention'.

Yet despite the low marks for the South East in general, Mr Laverty said Kent was doing well in key areas.

He said the London Array wind farm in the Thames Estuary was a good example of a sustainable energy source, and that the county also had a strong transport network thanks in part to the High Speed 1 rail link.

He added: "Kent also has a major coastline that nearly overtopped a couple of years ago when there were storm surges, but there's nothing to suggest anything catastrophic is about to happen because it's pretty well managed.

"However, it's good to be forever vigilant because flood protection cannot be forgotten about. In this economic environment there's a danger that we stop things that are completely necessary."

One aspect of the report which Mr Laverty said applied to the whole South East was the need for a different approach to waste management. The study said councils, businesses and residents need to think about rubbish more as resource management and less as waste disposal – such as recycling more materials rather than dumping it in landfill.

"For all these subjects it's more a case of warning Kent not to rest on its laurels," said Mr Laverty.

"But for the national government it's quite a bit stronger than that because if they don't make the right decisions now then the lights may go off in the not too distant future."

## E.coli outbreak link to Kent family

SCIENTISTS are investigating three cases of suspected E.coli infection believed to be linked with one family.

Initial reports indicate a family from Maidstone has been identified and they may have spread it to East Sussex.

In a statement to Kent on Sunday, the Health Protection Agency confirmed it was investigating a small cluster of cases of E.coli 0157 in Kent and Sussex.

It said: "Investigations are continuing regarding the possible source of the infection.

"Common links are that three cases – only one of which has been confirmed – are members of the same family who have mixed socially."

The investigation is being conducted by

Kent's Health Protection Unit because the first case is from the county. The unit's director, Dr Mathi Chandrakumar, said: "We are raising awareness of E.coli 0157 infection as at this time of year people attend more barbecues and picnics.

"It is an infection that can be passed easily from person to person and young children are especially vulnerable to it and the complications which can arise. We want to stress the importance of good hand hygiene.

"Adults should ensure they supervise children's handwashing, especially before eating and when visiting parkland or countryside picnic areas where there is a possibility that areas may have been contaminated with animal faeces."



## Campus hosts conference on criminal mind

WITH the success of TV shows such as CSI, crime scene investigation has become increasingly popular, but another more specialised branch of forensics is also gaining momentum, *writes Chris Murphy*.

Now Kent is staging a conference on the science of forensic psychology.

More than 100 forensic psychology professionals are meeting for three days in the county to discuss latest research.

The British Psychological Society's Division of Forensic Psychology's 2010 Annual Conference will be held at the University of Kent at Canterbury.

The conference will cover elements of the latest research and its application in forensic settings, with a selection of keynote speakers.

## Violence

Professor Amy Holtzworth-Munroe, from Indiana University in the United States, will highlight her latest research on violent male partners.

She will focus on the social skills of violent men and their propensity to violence.

In her presentation, named Attitudinal Issues in the Processing of Rape Cases, Prof Jennifer Temkin, from the University of Sussex, will talk about rape myths as an issue the criminal justice system must tackle.

Also speaking will be Prof Tony Ward, from the Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand, who will examine a new theory of cognitive distortions – the extended mind theory – and outline its implications for understanding and treating sex offenders.

Other areas to be covered include victimisation and children, domestic violence, offender treatment and rehabilitation, policing and profiling, plus terrorism.

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**FACE OFF:** Protestors and police during the Kingsnorth climate camp rally in 2008

## Force letter to admit protest search errors

KENT Police's new Chief Constable is to write to every force in the country admitting the unlawful way three activists were treated by officers at the controversial climate camp.

It will be one of the first tasks Ian Learmonth will perform in his new role next month, when he takes over from former chief constable Mike Fuller.

His letter will form part of a settlement reached by Kent Police and lawyer John Halford, of Bindmans LLP, who represented veteran activist Dave Morris and 11-year-old twins. The force has admitted the trio were wrongfully searched at the Kingsnorth rally in 2008.

In addition, compensation of more than £1,000 each will be paid to Mr Morris and the twins, who are now 13.

In January, the High Court heard how there had been a "misapplication of a clear policy by officers on the ground" in relation to stop and search procedures. The force also admitted an unspecified number of other protesters may have been illegally stopped.

Activists at the rally, against E.ON's plans for a new coal-fired power station at Kingsnorth, on the Hoo Peninsula, have always claimed the police response was disproportionate.

Officers were also criticised for seizing harmless items, including a clown's wigs, high-lighter pens and crayons.

Last week, the force admitted a number of searches "should not have happened" and this has been put in the settlement letter so "lessons can be learned".

### Compensation

Although the force would not comment on compensation matters, Assistant Chief Constable Andy Adams said Kent Police had made significant progress on legislation regarding stop and searches.

He said: "We have accepted that many people were searched as a result of officer briefings which took place at the time.

"A number of these searches should not have happened. As a force we are always keen to learn lessons from any operation or incident.

"An independent review of our policing of the climate camp was requested by the then chief constable and undertaken by a senior officer from South Yorkshire Police. All the recommendations from the report that relate to Kent Police have been implemented."

The climate camp saw one of the most expensive policing operations ever in the UK, costing £5.3 million – £3.7m paid by the Home Office. More than 1,400 officers and staff were involved, from 26 forces.

A hundred arrests were made – of 99 people, one was arrested twice – 46 were charged and a further 22 cautioned.

Human rights lawyer Mr Halford said the admission made in a letter to every force, coupled with Kent Police's avowed commitment to learn lessons, was welcome.

He added: "That human rights breaches occurred on this scale were not identified by the two internal police investigations into the operation and ultimately had to be exposed by the activist and two tenacious children says something very wrong about policing of peaceful protest."

• See page 13 for more on police plans to cope with funding cuts.

# African 'vuvu fever' breaks out in Kent

By **NICK AMES**

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THE soundtrack of the World Cup 2010 is the 140-decibel blast of the vuvuzela – viewed either as a welcome African addition to the football festival or a huge annoyance.

Sainsbury's stores across Kent are recording massive sales of the £2 horns – mostly to young people. The sound has also become a popular mobile phone ringtone.

So 'vuvu fever' could become a permanent fixture of our sporting scene.

Bosses at Sainsbury's are congratulating themselves as the instruments fly off the shelves at a rate of one every couple of seconds across the UK. Stores in Canterbury, Folkestone and Ashford have all recorded good sales.

### Atmosphere

Student Adam Hall, from Hythe, bought one before the Brazil versus North Korea game. "It'll add to the atmosphere – I just hope the neighbours don't mind," he said.

A Sainsbury's spokesman said: "We ordered 75,000 knowing they would become a symbol of the World Cup and people will want their own."

But rivals Asda and Tesco have no plans to follow suit, after market research revealed many people find them annoying.

There have been calls for them to be banned from matches and a less noisy version is now on sale in South Africa. More



**CALLING THE TUNE:** Vuvuzelas add an African flavour to the World Cup finals

than 500 complaints have been made to the BBC about the noise.

On the streets of Ashford almost everyone knew what the instrument was. Comments included, "They should be banned" and "Get them off my TV", but others were keen to have a go – although not all managed to make a sound.

Office worker Martin Beresford said: "They really make the event. It just adds a real African flavour. As for a ban – what nonsense. What's the point in awarding the best event in the world to Africa and then taking away part of the continent's heritage?"

"People should lighten up and enjoy the football – horns and all."

The BBC has tried to get coverage without vuvuzelas and a German inventor claims to have devised a computer program which removes it from TV coverage.

Freddie Maake is the man who claims to have invented the vuvuzela in 1970.

He lives in the Tembisa township of

Johannesburg and is proud of his creation.

"It is our people's celebration and isn't going away," he said. "This is South Africa's time to party and we'll do it at high volume. It's beautiful. If someone invites you to their house and then plays music you don't like, it is not your place to switch it off."

Mr Maake said he got the idea when he received the present of a bike with a horn.

He removed the air-pump from the horn on impulse and started blowing into it.

A fan of local side Kaizer Chiefs, he took it to matches and the craze took off after a local firm started to produce a commercial version.

South Africans claim it either mimics the noise of a rhino, or is based on a traditional way of signalling between villages.

### Celebrate

Mr Maake said: "I called it the vuvuzela in 1992 – after South Africa was readmitted into international sport after apartheid – as this means three things in the Zulu language: welcome, unite and celebrate."

England's official supporters' club backs the horns, while most objections seem to come from commentators and journalists. Three Lions fan Mike Hudson said: "The killjoys seem to be those who are being paid to be out there – what does that say about them?"

World Cup spokesman Rich Mkhondo added: "Vuvuzelas are here to stay and will never be banned. Look at them as part of our culture in South Africa to celebrate the World Cup."

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People try a vuvuzela and give their verdict on one of the 2010 World Cup's talking points

## Airport jobs boost

KENT International Airport at Manston has taken on 20 extra staff since the announcement of flights to Edinburgh.

They will be responsible for check-in and customer service, as well as sales and marketing, operating the shop and security.

The service is operated by Flybe, Newmarket Holidays and CI Travel. Flybe has confirmed passenger services to Edinburgh will operate during the winter.

## Crumbling castle

A CAMPAIGN to restore Rochester Castle is being launched this weekend.

The Restore Rochester Castle group says the historic building is in need of urgent repairs and between £8 million-£10m is needed to secure its future. Plans include replacing the roof and floors, as well as repairing masonry and re-fitting windows.

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# Angler gets the bite of his life as he catches piranha

## Fisherman's surprise as he lands killer fish in local pond

By **NICK AMES** and **JAMES ALEXANDRE**

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A DEADLY piranha was caught on the end of a line in Folkestone thousands of miles from its usual home in rivers such as the Amazon.

Angler Derek Plum caught the specimen regarded as the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world, at Radnor Park pond where he usually hopes to pull out a carp or tench.

The 1lb 4oz catch was identified as a red-bellied piranha, whose diet consists mainly of fish, insects and worms.

Mr Plum said: "It took about 15 minutes to reel it in. When it emerged, it was thrashing around and was going crazy."

"The other fishermen were yelling 'You've caught a piranha'. I couldn't believe it."

"It was lucky the hook had come out of its jaw as I didn't fancy putting my fingers between its teeth."

The Environment Agency says that while piranhas would not survive for long periods in UK waters, introduction of non-native species poses a serious threat to native wildlife.

Fish species commonly found in the pond include carp, tench and roach.

John Williams, also a keen angler, thinks he knows where the mystery catch came from.

He said: "I saw someone dump a whole load of fish in the pond from an orange bucket, but he drove off before I could approach him."

"In any case, it isn't illegal to dump native fish in the pond but if I'd realised he might be dumping piranhas I'd have taken more notice."

"There may be more of them in there – we don't know. It's certainly made fishing a bit more exciting."

Reaching up to 14ins in length, the piranha



**CATCH OF THE DAY:** Derek Plum and (inset) the piranha he caught at Radnor Park pond

is found mainly in the Amazon River basin in South America and is infamous for its razor-sharp teeth and for hunting prey in packs.

In shoals, the piranha ambushes its prey, stripping the flesh off large animals such as anacondas or even jaguar, within minutes.

Scientist Ben Weir, of Angler's Mail magazine, said after viewing Mr Plum's catch: "On the photographic evidence I've seen, I believe it's a red-bellied piranha."

"I used to keep them and they would sharpen their teeth on the glass of the tank, so I know one when I see one. It's probably become too big for its tank but it's irresponsible to release it like this."

"They are a top-end predator. I'm shocked this has happened because fish aren't keen on acute stress. They keel over in a matter of seconds, but like everything in life there are freaks of nature."

An Environment Agency spokesman said: "Native wildlife is thriving due to the work we've done to improve our rivers but releasing exotic pets and plants into

our waterways can cause serious harm."

"Rather than dumping things in the wild, we would urge people to seek advice about what to do with exotic species."

Paul Foot, chairman of the Folkestone and Shepway Angling Club, confirmed someone was seen emptying fish into the pond the week before the piranha was caught.

He said: "It's 100 per cent kosher because our secretary, who is a professional angler, saw it."

"Our pond gets dumped full of goldfish and the odd koi carp because people cannot afford to keep them."

"It's unusual this fish survived because the weather has been so cold."

## OAP still flighty at 90

NINETY-year-old Tom Lackey, will be wing-walking for charity at next weekend's Biggin Hill International Air Fair.

The daredevil OAP, a former Army Commando, will fly in the daily six-hour show on the wing of a Boeing Stearman.

Mr Lackey already holds two entries in the Guinness Book of Records.

At 85 he became the oldest man to loop-the-loop wing walking. Last year he marked the centenary of Louis Bleriot's first flight across the English Channel by wing-walking from Calais to Dover.

HOMEOWNERS have until June 30 to sign up for free advice on changes they want to make to their homes with Kent-based architects who are giving up their time in aid of charity.

The initiative is backed by Architect in the House, an initiative run the charity Shelter, and the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA).

A free hour-long consultation will be offered in return for a £40 suggested donation to Shelter.

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## County Hall apology over special needs units mix-up

EDUCATION chiefs at County Hall have apologised for misleading parents and headteachers into thinking special needs units were closing.

A letter from Rosalind Turner, managing director of children, families and education, was sent to headteachers of schools involved in a special needs pilot scheme stating the misunderstanding was unintentional.

The apology follows months of confusion in Ashford, Shepway and north west Kent where a review of units, which offer specialist support to children with severe needs, was taking place.

It formed part of the Lead School Pilot Project, which looked at providing outreach support for special needs children within mainstream primary schools instead of at units.

According to independent education advisor, Peter Read, a policy announced by Kent County Council to take no new admissions into units was backtracked when education bosses "quietly" reversed the policy earlier this year.

But many parents who failed to apply for a unit placement, believing them to be in the process of closing, missed out for their children.

Instead they had to accept a place in mainstream schools, despite their children having severe learning difficulties.

Now, however, education boss Ms Turner has written to headteachers of schools involved in the pilot project saying there had been a "misunderstanding".

The letter stated: "I would like to apologise for any misunderstanding and to state categorically that no SEN units have been closed and nor has there been a member or officer policy to close SEN units."

Parents involved in the mix-up, however, have said they were told units were closing.

For Natasha Warren, from Dartford, it meant her five-year-old daughter, who has speech and language difficulties, was enrolled in a junior school.

"I wanted to get her into the York Road Language Unit, but they told me they were taking no more placements," she said. "There was nothing in writing, so I decided to continue going through the statement process."

"I found out my daughter could go to the language unit, but was told it couldn't be written on the statement as units no longer existed."

"So on the statement, a legal document, it said York Road School, which doesn't exist. It's actually called York Road Junior School, which is for seven-year-olds and above."

"When she turns seven I'm worried she'll be placed in the mainstream school."

In the KCC letter, however, Ms Turner says no child had received "inappropriate" provision.

Mr Read said: "I was given assurance no child had been placed inappropriately, but Natasha Warren's case shows this is untrue."

But he welcomed the letter from KCC, saying it sent a clear message to headteachers.

He said: "What KCC has done is make a clear statement on the current situation."



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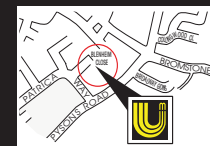
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# THE INTERVIEW



BY JANE CONNOLLY

## Redundancy made me wake up and smell the roses

WHEN Neil Miller swapped policies for petals, he had no idea just how brilliantly his new career would bloom.

In the early 90s, Miller was made redundant from his job in insurance and the future suddenly looked uncertain. But with the help of his green fingers, he soon discovered a new talent that would flourish over the years, resulting in Miller becoming head gardener at Hever Castle.

During Rose and Herb Week, visitors can admire more than 3,000 roses in the castle's grounds and get tips from Miller on how to cultivate their own timeless rose garden.

"People say roses are not in vogue at the moment, but deep down you know people love the rose," he said.

"The biggest pitfall is the pruning. People say, 'I have got a rose and this year it has not really flowered well'. Roses flower on a current year's growth but people are pruning at the wrong time, taking new growth off."

Coaxing flowers into life in the beautiful surroundings of Hever Castle, near Edenbridge, is a far cry from his earlier days of commuting to London, but he does not regret his change of career.

"Deep down, I've always had that interest in gardening and I helped out in my granddad's vegetable plot," Miller, 44, said. "But I went into insurance in the 80s because it was the done thing.

### Nurturing an idea

"I just worked through the ranks and never thought about it. It was a job for life. Then I was made redundant and had time to think – did I want to travel to London every day?"

After starting out by helping with his family's and neighbours' gardens, Miller's client base soon snowballed, prompting him to gain some qualifications and go into business properly.

But eventually he decided to look for more reliable work.

"Being self-employed, you work all the hours under the sun and you

don't have much time to spend with family," he said. "One year it rained from April to September and it became difficult, so I thought it would be nice to do something still in gardening, but a guaranteed job."

When Miller enquired about jobs in the garden department during a visit to Hever Castle, he found that fate was on his side and began working his way up from grassroots level.

Eight years on, he is head gardener and he would urge anyone else to follow their dream, too.

"Redundancy was devastating but, looking back, it was the best thing to happen," he said. "When something drastic happens, take time to think and do your homework, but if you feel really passionate about something, just go for it.

"Now I understand what people mean when they say they love their job."

• **Rose and Herb Week runs at Hever Castle from Monday to next Sunday. For more information call 01732 865224 or visit [www.hevercastle.co.uk](http://www.hevercastle.co.uk).**



**GROWING SUCCESS:** Neil Miller took up gardening after being made redundant from a career in insurance in the early 1990s

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THE aim of KOS Media's Fab Football campaign is to increase participation in the sport at all levels. This week our reporter **STEVE KNIGHT** looks at the growth of girls' and women's football in Kent. Email fabfooty@kentfa.com with your suggestions and comments on the campaign

**T**HERE was once a time when the FA banned women from playing football after reaching the conclusion the sport was 'unsuitable' for the fairer sex.

Despite them having been involved in matches since the late 19th century, the decision in 1921 sent out the clear message that women and football just do not match.

But try telling that to the more than 1.1 million females currently playing some form of the sport in England today, or the 26 million competing across the globe.

Thankfully attitudes towards women's football have changed dramatically over the last few decades, to the point where a new professional Super League will be launched in this country in time for the 2011-12 season.

Liz Symons – women and girls development officer for the Kent County Football Association (KCFA) – said she hoped the league would attract more females into the sport.

"There's a huge amount of work that goes into making girls aware that they can play football," she said.

"It's traditionally a male sport, but here in Kent we have 44 senior women's teams and more than 100 girls' teams. We've been very lucky in that everyone in the county supports the women's game in Kent so we're able to promote it fully.

"We're getting there, but football has a lot of competition from more traditional female pastimes like netball, horse riding and ballet."

As well as encouraging females to



WINNERS: Gills Ladies celebrate promotion to the Southern Premiership

## Ladies now in a league of their own

play, coach and referee football, the KCFA also runs a girls' centre of excellence for elite players, based at Gillingham FC.

The centre has already produced an England under-17 international in Deanna Cooper, and Liz is hopeful that many more will follow in her footsteps.

"Hopefully the centre will help more girls go on to play for England or perhaps professionally in the Super League. Five or six members of the England women's team are out in America getting paid to play at the moment, but it is our aspiration that when the Super League starts we can help more women stay in this country.

### Ambition

"At the moment only the lucky ones get paid to play football, while the rest are just doing it for fun."

One person who certainly did have a lot of fun last season was Gills Ladies captain Becky Lyon, whose team clinched promotion to the Southern Premiership after winning the third division by 10 points.

They also won the Kent Cup.

The 26-year-old, from Sittingbourne, has spent more than a decade

at the club and says she could not see herself lining up for anyone else.

"Last season was just an absolute dream for me and the girls," she said. "Our goal at the beginning was to get promoted and that's exactly what we did. I've played for Gillingham for a long time, back when we had little backing and no driving force. It's always been an ambition of mine to play in the Southern Premiership, so to achieve that was just brilliant."

Becky was just 12 when she first started playing for Gillingham, but admits a lot has changed with girls' football since then.

"When I was younger it was a lot different," she said.

"There were only a handful of girls' clubs around at the time and especially at that age group.

"I think there was only one league around too, and that was only five-a-side at Mote Park in Maidstone.

"That's why the centre of excellence at Gillingham is such a brilliant idea because it gives all these girls a direction to go in. The work that goes on at that level is just fantastic."

• Any girls and women interested in playing football can email [liz.symons@kentfa.com](mailto:liz.symons@kentfa.com).



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## England opener 'meal' deal for young Niamh

WHILE last Saturday's World Cup game against USA was a nightmare for most English football fans, it was a dream come true for one schoolgirl.

Ten-year-old Niamh Murphy, from Bexleyheath, realised a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity when she escorted the England team onto the pitch at the Royal Bafokeng Sports Palace stadium in Rustenberg.

The young fan won the opportunity to walk out hand in hand with Wayne Rooney after winning a national competition with McDonald's, an official sponsor of the 2010 World Cup.

Niamh said: "Walking out at a Fifa World Cup match with the likes of

Wayne Rooney and Steven Gerrard was a dream come true.

"It's an experience I'll never forget and I can't wait to get back to school to tell my friends about it."

Niamh was one of six winners from the UK who walked out onto the pitch with five local youngsters from the Rena Le Lona community project in South Africa, which is backed by McDonald's.

Niamh was joined at the game by her family, and got to spend three nights in South Africa, where they met McDonald's director of football and England World Cup winner Sir Geoff Hurst.



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PROUD: Niamh with Rooney (10)



# Stress of civilian life is behind the high arrest rate of ex-servicemen



ON HOLD: Ex-servicemen can suffer stress

A CHARITY has explained shocking arrest figures for ex-military personnel, claiming the stress of being a 'killing machine' can get too much.

Death of comrades and difficulty in adjusting back to civilian life were also blamed by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help for the high number of servicemen in trouble with the law.

The alarming figures released by Kent Police and SSAFA revealed how in just three months, between April 12-June 6, 232 former and cur-

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rent servicemen were arrested – an average of four a day – with a third for violent crime.

The majority were men aged between 18 and 29-years-old, with almost half unemployed.

Kent Police is the first force in the country to carry out such a study, adapting its custody computer system to ask detained people if they have served in the forces.

Kent soldiers are based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone; Howe Barracks, Canterbury; Brompton Barracks, Medway; and Invicta Army Barracks, Maidstone.

Supt Neil Jerome said the force recognised that some former military personnel faced difficulties after service.

## Challenging

"We have recognised the need to use specialised knowledge to support ex-service personnel, who may have had considerable difficulties following experiences in combat and adjusting to life outside the Armed Forces," he said.

The scheme was led by Det Con Colin Back, a volunteer at SSAFA.

His colleague Neil Payne, divisional secretary at the charity, said he believed more needed to be done to help former military personnel. He also stressed an estimated figure claiming that 10 per cent of military personnel get arrested is

more likely to be around eight per cent.

"The job is highly stressful and highly challenging – at times this can really get to people," he said. "We're turning ordinary human beings into soldiers – training them up to kill people. They're also seeing their friends killed in front of their eyes. It's very hard to adjust back to real life after."

Mr Payne said some soldiers find it hard not to react in certain situations, but stressed a number of arrests were for less serious offences.

"People are focusing on the violent crime statistic, but there are a lot of arrests for things such as being drunk and disorderly."

A study in 2007, by veterans' charity the Sir Oswald Stoll Foundation found one in 10 homeless people were ex-forces personnel.

Asked whether arrest figures were related to the number of homeless, Mr Payne said: "It could be linked. When they're in the forces they get all their bills taken out of their pay and they are just left with beer money."

"Everything is taken care of for them. Then they leave the forces and they haven't got a job, but they've still got to pay the bills."

"It's known that soldiers don't really know how to budget."

SSAFA offers support to ex-servicemen to help them adjust to living outside of the forces.

Ex-military personnel arrested in Kent are given information before release offering contacts for support groups and organisations.

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FINANCE chiefs at Kent County Council could be being forced to make up to £320 million of savings over the next four years as Government grants are slashed.

And the crucial savings start this year, with some £15m of cutbacks being made in the 2010-11 budget.

But cabinet member for finance Councillor John Simmonds said this was just the beginning, with an expected 20-25 per cent grant cut over the next four years at KCC.

It will mean three-year plans to save £200m – which was the predicted shortfall in Government funding estimated at County Hall last year – may have to be stretched to 2014, with £320m savings in the pipeline.

Cllr Simmonds said: "It's a gloomy message, but this country has one heck of a deficit. Personally, I think it could take six to seven years before things get better.

"At KCC we're talking of bringing in a longer term arrangement working towards 20-25 per cent cuts over the next four years, so around £320m savings. Somehow we've got to find £15.6m for this year in the 2010-11 budget."

Under the three-year plan some 420 posts were being cut at KCC, but this would increase to 1,000 should the four-year proposal go ahead.

### Drastic

Cllr Simmonds said: "We were expecting to lose 420 jobs, but that would be through general turnover and not filling vacancies. This will be the same should it be 1,000."

Cuts are inevitable at the authority, with the department for children, families and education already a target.

Savings of £6.8m are expected, which will come as another blow after plans to scrap 260 posts in the department were revealed in February.

Cllr Gary Cooke, deputy cabinet member for children, families and education, said they were aware the department would feel the cuts, but stressed it was still early days before decisions were made.

"What we can do is find further efficiencies and savings," he said. "The cuts earlier this year means this will be easier. If this hadn't happened we would be feeling a drastic need to look for savings now.

"David Cameron has said that as a nation we will all feel the pressure of the economic situation, and this is true. What we will continue to do is protect the most vulnerable people and therefore minimise the impact of any changes we make. Education is the top of our philosophy at KCC."

Cllr Simmonds stressed the cuts would not affect frontline services, but could mean facilities such as breakfast and after-school clubs were scrapped.

"We're also looking at other departments and areas such as road safety – like reducing speed bumps and cameras," he said.

"Flexibility is key. We're not necessarily going to make cuts in areas where

# KCC faced with saving £320m over four years

## Jobs and services in firing line



PURSE STRINGS: Cllr Simmonds

COUNTY Hall officials are looking at teaming up with a small Surrey council in a bid to save cash.

The partnership would involve providing revenue and benefits, finance and procurement, ICT and personnel services jointly through Kent County Council, and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council. Proposals came as town halls were faced with cuts in government grants, where KCC must save £15.6 million in its 2010-11 budget.

Cabinet member for corporate support services Cllr Roger Gough said in difficult financial times working in partnership across the public sector is doubly important.

"What is particularly important about our work with Reigate and Banstead Borough Council on future joint delivery of services is that it is very wide ranging," he said.

"So far, we have mapped out the benefits in doing this. If the change is agreed in principle, we would then proceed to the more detailed planning to realise those benefits."

Cllr Joan Spiers, leader of Reigate and Banstead Council, said the partnership would help deal with the impact of the recession and local authorities' expected contribution to reducing the country's deficit.

She added: "KCC has an impressive track record of these types of partnerships already and a partnership with them will mean that these services will remain in the public sector for the foreseeable future."

A spokeswoman at Reigate and Banstead said the authority had chosen to team up with KCC over Surrey County Council due to a "shared vision".

She said: "This council and KCC share a vision of how public sector service can be delivered in the future."

Government grants have been cut.

"We've got contractual obligations we can't pull funding from, so we have to look at areas where this is possible. We will know more after the budget speech on June 22.

"Communities also need to start taking responsibility for smaller things. There needs to be collaboration at grassroots level."



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# Women open our eyes to horror of forced marriage

SURVIVORS of forced marriages are to reveal their heartbreaking ordeals as part of a pioneering roadshow touring the most at-need areas of the country.

National charity Karma Nirvana, which supports victims of forced marriages and honour-based abuse, highlighted Kent as one of 11 places that would benefit from the event, with its large Asian community in the north of the county.

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Anna Hardy, from the Derby-based organisation, said host areas were also selected in relation to the number of calls received through the charity's helpline.

"We get a breakdown of all the places we receive calls from and Kent was one those," she said.

"We're holding the roadshows in the run-up

to the summer holidays as it's usually the busiest period for us."

Young people are most at risk of forced marriages over the summer holidays.

In June last year, the charity's helpline received more than 750 calls – double the normal monthly average.

A Home Affairs Select Committee report also found that in 2008, 2,000 school students went missing nationally, with a large number from ethnic minority communities believed to be forced into marriage.

Forced marriages are different from arranged marriages, where both parties give consent. Often victims are taken abroad and some are subjected to a life of abuse.

Gurvinda Sandher, assistant director of the Kent Equality Cohesion Council, said that in March the organisation held the Listen to Our Voices Women's event which addressed domestic abuse and forced marriages.

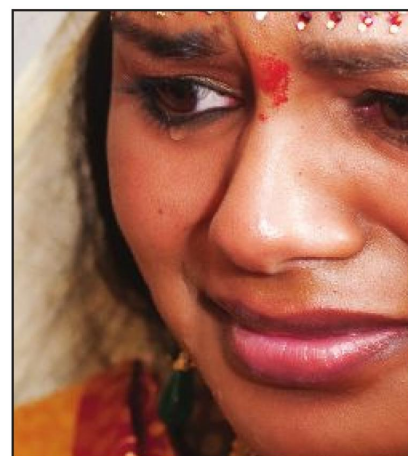
It was held in Gravesham, which has one of the largest Asian communities in Kent, and his home to the new Sikh temple.

More than 300 women and young girls attended and Mr Sandher said it was positive to see so many people there.

"If you look at forced marriages, times have changed, but from time to time they are taking place," he said. "We need to raise awareness, not just with forced marriages, but with domestic violence too – these are things that are not really spoken about by people."

The Kent Karma Nirvana roadshow on Thursday – which has no spaces left – will be at the police college in Maidstone.

Det Supt Maria Shepherd, head of the



**AWARENESS:** The roadshow is coming to Kent because of its large Asian population

Public Protection Unit at Kent Police, thanked Karma Nirvana for helping agencies better understand the needs of specific communities through its roadshow.

"Everyone has the right to live their life free from fear and violence," she said. "Domestic abuse can happen in any home, regardless of race, sexuality, age, class or educational level."

"There is a lot of under-reporting in Kent and Medway. It is vital the public has confidence in Kent Police to deal with domestic abuse and we encourage victims to come forward and report this horrendous crime."

In 2008, the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 came into force allowing family courts to make protection orders for victims. These can prevent a marriage from taking place or stop someone from being taken abroad.

Those who break the order face a prison sentence of up to two years.

• **Call the Karma Nirvana helpline on 01332 604098 or 0800 5999 247 or see [www.karnanirvana.org.uk](http://www.karnanirvana.org.uk) for details.**

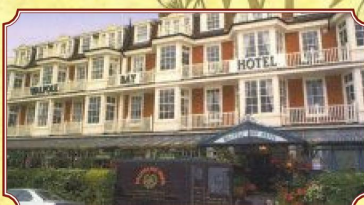
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# Self-harming rises by 80%

SHOCKING hospital figures reveal the number of children admitted to Kent hospitals with self-inflicted injuries has increased by nearly 80 per cent in the last five years.

Data on self-harming obtained by KOS Media using the Freedom of Information Act shows girls outnumber boys by almost four to one, and have been admitted to hospital more than 1,100 times over the last five years.

Mental health experts say social networking websites are partly to blame for the year-on-year increase among both sexes, with 165 more under-18s admitted last year than in 2005-06.

Injuries range from minor cuts to arms and wrists to more serious cases such as drinking poison or swallowing glass and razor blades.

Claire Usiskin – policy and communications manager for the YoungMinds charity – said the worrying increase was a sign of the times.

“There is anecdotal evidence that the internet society and self-harming networks allow children to discuss their problems and egg each other on,” she said.

“I think it’s really difficult to crack down on them because you can’t stop young people supporting each other.

## Emotional relief

“Peers are important, but these sites need to be more closely monitored. In an ideal world they wouldn’t exist because there are better ways to solve your problems than cutting yourself or pulling your hair out.”

KOS Media received information on self-harming among under-18s from five NHS trusts in Kent – Medway, Bexley, East Kent, Maidstone and Tunbridge Wells, and Dartford and Gravesham.

Only Bromley was unable to provide the required data. The figures show that in 2005-06 there was a total of 210 child admissions, but this figure has risen steadily every year, up to 375 in 2009-10.

The figures could be just the tip of the iceberg as they do not include youngsters who attended A&E, but were not admitted to hospital for treatment.

East Kent Hospitals – which manages four hospitals with A&E departments in Canterbury, Margate, Ashford and Dover – received 171 admissions last year alone.

Ms Usiskin said self-harming among children does not necessarily mean they are on the verge of suicide.

She said: “We have a lot of calls to our helpline about self-harm and we speak to parents who are understandably very worried.

“But it’s not usually a failed attempt at suicide and is rarely an emergency situation. Lots of children use it as a coping method when things are not going well.

“They say the physical pain relieves them for a short time from the psychological pain and that when they are doing it all they can really feel is the emotional relief. But obviously we don’t want

## SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

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young people doing this to themselves.

“When parents come to us we ask them what else they could get their children to do when they get upset, like taking their anger out on a punchbag or going for a run.”

Some of the injuries reported by the hospital trusts include one youngster hurting himself by jumping from a high place, and others who attempted hanging, burning and solvent abuse.

Ian Darbyshire, senior child and adolescent mental health services commissioning manager for Kent, said robust risk assessments were carried out for those children in danger of serious self-harm or suicide.

He added: “We are aware of the rise in urgent risk assessments and are reviewing services to ensure young people are able to receive appropriate support at the right time. For example, we are developing targeted mental health services to offer advice and support to young people at an earlier stage.

“We are also committed to raising awareness of positive mental health and emotional wellbeing for children and young people by ensuring they have appropriate information and support in the most accessible and timely way.”

Last year, 68 boys were admitted to Kent hospitals compared with 307 girls, with similar differences evident over the last five years. In total, 1,110 girls have been admitted since 2005-06 compared with just 311 boys. Ms Usiskin said the trend was an indication of how differently girls and boys handle their emotions.



**CRUELEST CUT:**  
Girls outnumber  
boys four to one  
in self-harming

## SELF-HARM ADMISSIONS OVER LAST FIVE YEARS

YEAR	2005/06	06/07	07/08	08/09	09/10	TOTAL
BOYS	56	48	56	83	68	311
GIRLS	154	181	193	275	307	1,110
TOTAL	210	229	249	358	375	1,421

She said: “Typically, boys are outwardly destructive and girls inwardly destructive, because society dictates it is less acceptable for a girl to beat someone up.

“Girls are also seen to be more in touch with their bodies. They’re more likely to compare make-up with friends, so perhaps they’re comparing scars now, too.”

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A DISTRAUGHT widow is appealing to thieves to return a stolen camcorder containing footage of her late husband.

Margo Mayhew is desperate to recover the priceless tapes, taken during a burglary at her house in Lunsford Lane, Larkfield, in May.

"My husband died 18 months ago, and although I haven't watched the tapes since, I

## Widow's plea to camcorder thieves

now won't be able to when I am ready to," she said. "I am appealing to the thieves to show some heart and return the films. They were of our honeymoon in Jamaica and there were a couple of us just around the house with our old dog, which died a few years back.

"I want the films back as they are hugely sentimental and personal to me.

"Those who took them could give them in anonymously to the police and I'd be happy to have them back."

The camcorder was in a green and beige

camera bag. The film cassettes with the footage were in the same bag.

A police spokesman said: "If anyone finds the bag and the camcorder films or has any idea of its whereabouts, they can contact Crimestoppers or hand the items in anonymously to any police station. Other items taken were a computer and a Dyson vacuum cleaner."

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## Power plant proposal for the dockside

A NEW power plant could be built at a docks that would help dispose of 160,000 tonnes of wood and waste every year, **writes Chris Murphy.**

Initial plans for a biomass combined heat and power plant have been submitted to Kent County Council by Biomass Power Plant Ridham Ltd, a joint venture formed by German energy firm subsidiary Evonik New Energies and renewable energy specialist HES Biopower.

The 25MW of power, plus 35MW of steam heat, will be produced by the plant proposed for industrial land at Ridham Dock, Sittingbourne, to convert non-recyclable waste wood to energy in the form of heat, and electricity which will be fed to the national grid.

The companies say such power plants will help eliminate the waste of more than six million tonnes of non-recyclable wood that is produced in the UK every year and ends up in landfill.

The Government is also keen to stop the dumping of waste that could be turned into energy and has been increasing the cost of landfill tax, along with the requirement to pre-treat all waste wood destined for landfill, which also adds to the cost of disposal.

### Expensive

Evonik said it was becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to handle non-recyclable waste wood.

Dealing with such waste is a big issue for the South East, with Kent alone generating more than 100,000 tonnes each year.

The Government also has a 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020.

Evonik said the plant would be a significant investment with up to 30 permanent jobs at the site, as well as temporary jobs during construction and long-term contract work for services and materials.

Potential heat partnerships with businesses would also contribute to long-term economic development in the region. Evonik said it intended to be a "good neighbour".

Juergen Kirsch, Evonik project manager, said: "This is an exciting development in supporting the area's landfill diversion and renewable energy targets."

Douglas Henderson, a director of the project, said they had already received positive feedback from consultations and were now prepared for the possibility of a long planning procedure.

The company was confident it wouldn't have to go before a Government inspector and the matter could be settled locally.

Mr Henderson added: "I hope it won't be called in - it shouldn't be."

KCC confirmed receipt of a planning application.



# Pledge that £21m cuts will not hit frontline policing



PROMISES: ACC Leppard

BUDGET cuts at Kent Police will not result in a reduction in frontline services, promises acting Chief Constable Adrian Leppard.

Mr Leppard says that despite the force having to identify almost £21 million of savings over the next three years, he is determined the public will not notice any negative difference to the service they already receive.

Kent Police are in the early stages of their biggest ever reorganisation, which Mr Leppard will oversee until incoming Chief Constable Ian Learmonth takes up his position next month.

"Obviously the budget challenge is upon us, and like all public services we are trying to find bigger savings over the next three years," he said.

"There are many people who think a cut to budgets means a cut to services, but this reorganisation is all about finding ways of working differently so frontline services can stay the same."

Mr Leppard revealed the force had already saved £5m through its collaboration with Essex Police, which includes the shared use of a helicopter and the launch this month of the new Serious Crime Directorate.

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

A small reduction in the number of officers and other members of staff is also likely, but the force would prefer to achieve this through natural wastage rather than forced redundancies.

Mr Leppard said: "A good result for us would be that we reorganise and the public doesn't actually notice any difference at all, but I have a more ambitious aim and that's to actually improve the level of service we provide."

"Can we get out to more crimes and can we investigate more instances of antisocial behaviour than we did before?"

## Reaction

"They say that when the going gets tough, the tough get going, and Kent Police has a reputation of dealing with hard times effectively."

In addition to the £20.8m savings that need to be made over the next three years, the force must also identify an additional £2.7m savings from the 2010-11 budget of £285m.

As such, it is limiting the number of new recruits by 60 this financial year.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann

Barnes promised residents the restructure would not have an adverse effect on frontline services.

She said: "We need to make savings and it's a pain that everyone shares. There's not a business or household in the country that isn't going through the same thing. We've been talking about ways of making savings and I will make a personal commitment that frontline services will not be impacted."

"This is not a new programme of work or a knee-jerk reaction. However, due to the number of savings and efficiencies that must be made, the authority has obviously got to do more to ensure the force can work with what funding we have."

Mr Learmonth was announced as Kent's new chief constable last month, beating three other candidates to earn the right to replace former chief Mike Fuller.

The 52-year-old played a key role in an extensive reorganisation programme at Norfolk Constabulary and his success in doing so was one of the major factors in him landing the Kent Police job.

Mrs Barnes said: "Ian has extensive experience of this sort of thing. He's been there and done it so none of this will be new to him."

## Teen arrested for funeral cars theft

A TEENAGER has appeared in court following the theft of two limousines from a funeral directors.

Thomas Nichols, of Walderslade Road, Chatham, went before Medway Magistrates Court on Monday, June 7, charged with burglary, aggravated vehicle taking, driving without insurance and driving a vehicle not in accordance with a licence.

The 18-year-old was arrested after two black limousines were taken from Medway funeral directors in Walderslade Road.

They were later found abandoned.

Nichols was released on bail to appear at Maidstone Crown Court at a later date.

## Depot ruling good news for the birds

MEDWAY Council and the RSPB have welcomed a ruling that an industrial depot next to an internationally important area used by hundreds of thousands of migrating birds is unlawful and must be cleared.

The Thameside Terminal depot at Cliffe had been built without planning permission, but on Monday a public inquiry ruled the site must be cleared.

Britannia Assets bought the land next to RSPB Cliffe Pools Reserve seven years ago and developed it, even though it is an area of natural importance.

TV STAR and Aldington resident Paul O'Grady is to open the village school fete on Sunday, July 4, at noon.

Among the highlights of the event are the marching band from the 305 (Ashford) Squadron Air Training Corps, and Britain's Got Talent semi-finalists Swingtime Sweethearts.



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# Dave's on course for stellar day out

COMEDIAN Dave Lee is hitting the golf course with a host of celebrities to help raise funds to send disabled, underprivileged and terminally ill children on holiday.

The classic golf event, at Chart Hills in Biddenden, will bring together avid golfers and stars of stage and screen to battle it out for the title of champion, while raising money for Dave Lee's Happy Holidays.

Last year, Spandau Ballet frontman Tony Hadley and ex-footballer Neil Ruddock were among the 30 celebrities involved.

But for panto star Lee, from Herne, near Canterbury, this year's golf day is even more significant, with the charity close to reaching the £2 million mark in money raised since it started in 1994.

"Everybody would be so pleased if we reached this target," he said. "The charity is run

by volunteers – nobody is paid – with all the money raised going towards holidays for disabled, underprivileged and terminally ill children from Kent.

"We've got five holiday homes at Camber Sands and we've sent more than 45,000 children and their families on holidays."

Trips have included Tenerife, Disneyland Paris and Disney World in Florida.

Some 1,200 children are also sent to the see a Christmas pantomime.

Dave said: "These children and their families would not have been able to have a holiday without the charity."

The KOS Media sponsored event is on Sunday, September 5, at Chart Hills.

The final line-up of stars has not yet been confirmed, but comedians Joe Pasquale, Bradley Walsh and Jim Davidson will be involved in the

day and the follow-up charity dinner, which last year saw 350 guests.

Charity chairman Kevin Aylward said: "There will definitely be a good sprinkling of showbiz."

"Over the last few years with the recession, we know people don't have as much to donate, but it all helps."

For visitors, admission is £5 (children free). There will be free parking, and a bar and catering.

Teams of three are being encouraged to sign up to play, with a celebrity picked to play with them. The cost is £700, including 18 holes of golf on the Nick Faldo designed course, breakfast, pre-dinner drinks and a four-course meal.

Entertainment at the dinner includes music from Chas Hodges – formerly of Chas and Dave – and his band, plus an auction. To sign up, call Mr Aylward on 01732 456505 or 07834 468664; or email daveleehappyholidays@tiscali.co.uk.



**DAVE LEE:** The Herne comedian's Happy Holidays is nearing the £2m milestone

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# Direct airport rail link is put on hold as cash runs out

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**AMBITIOUS** plans for a direct train link from Kent to Gatwick Airport have been derailed by a lack of money.

County Hall transport chiefs agreed to look into the feasibility but have concluded such a scheme would be far too costly given the state of the economy.

The tentative plan was to provide a direct link between Tonbridge and Gatwick, with the service eventually being extended to Ashford, Maidstone and Strood.

However, Geoff Mee, the director of integrated strategy and planning at Kent County Council, revealed the idea had been shelved.

He said: "It would be a really good idea if we could link Tonbridge directly to Gatwick on the basis that the M25 is a nightmare and that's what most people use to reach the airport."

"However, a dedicated fast-train link that missed out all the intervening stations would be very expensive – more money than you would ever imagine."

"With the funding we have, and are likely to get in the near future, we're not in a position to afford that. It's still our aspiration in

the long term, but not a viable proposition at the moment."

Apart from using the M25 and M23 motorways, the only other way for Kent passengers to reach Gatwick is by catching a train into London Bridge and then out to West Sussex, or by taking a lengthy journey from Tonbridge that involves a change at Redhill, Surrey, and many stops along the way.

Mr Mee said it would cost "millions" to provide the new carriages and platforms required for a direct link to the airport.

"We've had the initial conversations, but there are several constraints," he added.

"When the economy improves we would certainly like to see if there is any way to have more through services to Gatwick if improvements to the rail network are made."

The disappointing news will be delivered this week to members of the council's select committee on passenger rail services, who will also be told that the costs of linking the existing High Speed 1 line to Kent International Airport at Manston would not justify the benefits.

However, KCC is pressing ahead with plans for a parkway station nearby to provide better access to the airport as well as to Manston business park, Westwood Cross shopping centre and Sandwich and Deal.

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# Mapping Sandwich's history

By **MARIJKE COX**

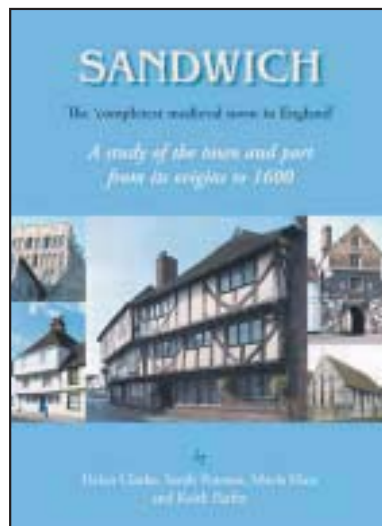
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A SERIES of maps showing the history of Sandwich have been created for a new book exploring the evolution of the town.

Sandwich – The Completest Medieval Town in England: A Study of the Town and Port from its Origins to 1600 looks at how it came to take its present form, with maps and pictures highlighting the changes through the years.

John Hills, a technician from the department of geographical and life sciences at Canterbury Christ Church University, used his cartographic expertise to produce maps for the book.

"During my time at the university I have produced many for publication, but this project was especially enjoyable," he said.



**DETAILED: Study of Sandwich's origins was compiled by a team of experts**

"As a lover of history I found the subject fascinating. The finished book is a really impressive body of work that I am proud to be associated with."

Mr Hills said his maps show the growth and development of the Cinque Port town and the surrounding area.

"Some show the physical relief, others indicate the location of the individual buildings and archaeological finds," he said.

"The physical relief maps were the most

## New book charts the evolution of 'the completest medieval town in England'

fun to do – the original maps for this were huge, with hand-drawn contours and spot heights, and I had to turn these into smaller, printable maps.

"However, the best thing about it all was meeting the editorial team, they were great fun to work with and provided all the information I needed for the maps."

Authors and researchers of the book, which was supported by English Heritage, Dover District Council and Canterbury Archaeological Trust, were Helen Clarke, Sarah Pearson, Mavis Mate, Keith Parfitt, Sheila Sweetinburgh and Bridgett Jones.

Ms Pearson said the title "the completest medieval town in England" was a quote taken from the North East and east Kent volume of the Buildings of England Series by John Newman.

"He says 'Sandwich could make a bid for the title of completest medieval town in England' and we liked the quote so much we thought it would make a good title for the book," she said.

"This title is apt because the town later decayed as the water receded and ships couldn't reach the town the livelihood of the port disappeared.

"This meant there was little incentive or

money in later centuries to muck about with the infrastructure or rebuild the medieval buildings."

Mr Hills added: "Sandwich has been able to avoid the ravages of modernisation and retains its original street layout and many of its historic buildings."

Staff at the department of geographical and life sciences at Canterbury Christ Church University said they were proud Mr Hills was involved with such a major publication.

Professor Peter Vujakovic, head of the department, said: "It is a superb book, with expert discussion supported by high-quality photography and illustrations."

"The origin and development of Sandwich is as much a matter of geography as history and John's cartographic expertise brings to life these aspects of the development of a key Kentish settlement."

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By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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AREAS of Kent are off the scale for violence and sexual offences linked to alcohol.

Now a new three-year strategy has been developed by the Kent Action on Alcohol Steering Group to tackle the problem.

The document outlines how agencies in the county can work together to crack down on the problems created by binge drinking and alcoholism.

There are currently about 200,000 'hazardous and harmful' drinkers living in Kent, with 11 per cent of males and 5.5 per cent of females exceeding the weekly recommended amount – rates both higher than in London.

A hazardous drinker is a woman who consumes up to 35 units per week, or a man up to 50 units.

# Strategy to target county's alarming drinking problem

In addition, the county is home to three districts – Dartford, Gravesham and Thanet – where alcohol-related violent crime is higher than the national average.

And there are seven districts where the rate of alcohol-related sexual offences is higher

than the national average – Ashford, Gravesham, Dartford, Maidstone, Shepway, Swale and Thanet.

Angela Slaven, director of youth and community support services at Kent County Council, helped devise the strategy.

She said: "It's part of a national scheme to reduce the harm caused by alcohol and drugs. It recognises that most people in Kent drink sensibly and safely and don't have any issues, but that for some people it can be problematic."

"There are some clear statistics that show people who get into difficulties with alcohol often find themselves entering the criminal justice system and the health care system, and that's why we need a strategy that a range of different agencies can use."

## Perspective

"No one group is responsible for alcohol abuse because it's a problem for all of us."

"This strategy is about us saying 'let's be clear what we want to achieve in the short term'."

According to the strategy the number of alcohol-specific hospital admissions in Kent has almost doubled from 885 in 1997-98, to 1,454 in 2006-07.

Meanwhile the number of adults undergoing treatment for alcohol misuse more



**HICCUP:** Statistics revealed alcohol-related offences are rife in several parts of Kent

than doubled from 2005-6 to 2006-7, with the number of young people in treatment increasing from 115 to 271.

The strategy also raises the concern that although fewer young people are drinking alcohol today in Kent, those who do are consuming more and from an earlier age.

Mrs Slaven said: "The strategy covers everything from the health perspective in terms of admissions to hospital, to police enforcement issues and with trading standards regarding under-age sales. It's very broad."

"It's both a preventative agenda and something to help us stop future generations abusing alcohol."

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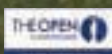
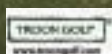
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Robert Powell on his career and the Leeds Castle show

By **CHRIS MURPHY**

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# Kentish pride at palace call

By **STEVE KNIGHT**

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**BOMB-busting scientists helping in the fight against terrorism were among 27 of Kent's finest recognised in the Queen's Birthday Honours list.**

Jonathan Jefferis and Dr Robin Hiley – both Ministry of Defence employees at the Sevenoaks-based Defence Science and Technology Laboratory (Dstl) – were recognised for their pioneering work in developing a detector for improvised explosive devices.

They were both given OBEs for their efforts, joining an elite list of teachers, policemen and other lynchpins of the community who were also honoured.

## Passionate

Dstl department manager Kevin Wagstaff said: "Robin has made an immeasurable contribution at the MoD and across wider government to the fight against global terrorism, with his work directly saving soldiers' lives."

"Jonathan's work has also proved a life-saver. On the first use of the detector in Helmand province, it successfully did its job and saved the life of a bomb disposal expert."

The highest honour awarded in the county this year went to University of Kent vice-chancellor Professor Julia Goodfellow, who was made a Dame for services to science.

Dame Julia is a former chief executive of the Biotechnology and Biological Sciences Research Council, where she was responsible for government funding for the biosciences,

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- James Coussey, Bromley, senior prosecutor, for Crown Prosecution Service.
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- Michael Farrell, services to Church of England.
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- Dr Robin Hiley (pictured right) Sevenoaks, Grade B1, MoD.
- June Barnett, Farnborough, Bromley. For voluntary service to the Leukaemia Research Fund and Cancer Leukaemia in Children.
- Alan Bernstein, Tunbridge Wells, Services to young people.
- Margaret Greenway, Canterbury, former commissioning services resource



manager for Kent Probation. Services to offenders. Jane Higgs, Edenbridge, services to the heritage of Eden Valley.

Jennifer Kent, Bexleyheath, for voluntary service to gymnastics.

Palma Laughton (pictured right), Ashford, chairwoman of Stanhope Parish Council. Services to the community in Stanhope.

Paul Marsh, former principal officer of HM Prison Canterbury, HM Prison Service.

Catherine Marshall, assistant head of Wyvern School, Ashford. Services to special needs education.

Jacqueline McKenna, Aylesford, director of nursing and strategic planning, Medway NHS Foundation Trust. Services to healthcare.

Pamela Morris, Chatham, secretary Minerva Sports and Social Association, Department for Business, Innovation and Skills.

Thirza Mullins, Beckenham, deputy justices' clerk, Camberwell Green Magistrates' Court, HM Courts Service.

Marjorie Seal, Dartford, voluntary service to Guiding. Maureen Smith, services to the community in Whitstable.

Michael Stevens, chairman of governors, Oakwood Park Grammar, Maidstone. Voluntary service to education.

Hazel Waters, Rainham, workforce information assistant at Medway NHS Foundation Trust. Services to the NHS.

• Queen's Policing Medal (QPM) – Det Insp David Holmes, Kent Police.



on behalf of the schools. You're only as good as the people you work with and there are many fine headteachers and governors in Kent. This recognises two very strong school committees that work really well, are passionate about what they do and are very committed."

Det Insp David Holmes of Kent Police received a Queen's Police Medal in the honours, but the majority of Kent residents recognised were given OBEs.

These included Bexleyheath gymnastics volunteer Jennifer Kent, Dartford Guides helper Marjorie Seal, and former Canterbury prison principal officer Paul Marsh.

Ashford councillor Palma Laughton – who is also chairwoman of Stanhope Parish Council – picked up the same honour for services to the community in Stanhope.

## Fantastic

Cllr Laughton is also chair of the local Sea Cadets group, a member of Age Concern's executive committee, and until recently the organiser of the village's annual fun day.

She said: "I feel like a stick of rock because I'm a Geordie but with an Ashfordian streak running right through me."

"I will always do my best for Stanhope and love being in the thick of it all. The place has been run down so much but people just don't know what it's really like because it's a fantastic little community."

"But it's hard to believe I've been given an OBE. When I opened the letter I had butterflies in my tummy and it was so hard not being able to tell anybody at first. My husband was over the Moon."

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and already holds a CBE received in 2001 for services to biophysics.

"I'm delighted," she said. "This is a great honour and one which reflects well on the university and Kent and Medway."

Also rewarded were the many unsung heroes who run our schools, make our com-

munities safer and devote their lives to charity. One such person is Helen Tait, the headteacher of both Sandgate Primary School and Folkestone Primary Academy, who receives a CBE for services to education in Kent.

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# Biennale big shot in contemporary art

By **MARIJKE COX**

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IT HAS been ranked alongside the world's most prestigious art festivals, and attracts artists from all corners of the globe.

And now in its fifth year, the Whitstable Biennale will boast work from some 200 contemporary artists, ranging from sculpture to film.

Running from Saturday, June 19, to Sunday, July 4, starting at 10am each day, the event is expected to draw in national and international crowds.

"Originally it was a conglomeration of artists who lived in the town, but now we have a real mix," said festival spokesman Simon Steven.

"In the first year we had 20 artists, but this year there will be about 200. It's really grown and become recognised as an important event.

"It's mentioned in the same breath as the Venice Biennale, as well as the Berlin Biennale and Documenta in Kassel, Germany."

The festivals are three of the most prestigious in the world, showcasing work from the well-known to lesser-known artists.

Mr Stevens said the organisers are extremely proud of their own homegrown event.

"Each year there's a different flavour and the quality of art grows as do the audience figures," he said.

"Our speciality is film and performance and this year we'll have some amazing creations.

"The headquarters is being created on Whitstable beach by an artist called Kieren Reed – it will be a sculpture operating as an information office.

"We're proud of the Biennale; it brings in over £700,000 to Whitstable and people that live here are all for it."

Work at this year's event includes a custom-built kayak called Ghost by artist Adam Chodzko, which will not only be exhibited at the Biennale, but used to paddle members of the public to Deadman's Island off Queenborough on the Isle of Sheppey.

Chodzko's work has been exhibited internationally at museums such as the Tate and the Venice and Istanbul biennales.

Visitors can also enjoy work from up-and-



**EXHIBITION:** The Voyage of Nonsuch by Karen Mirza and Ruth Beale and (right) As The World Turns by Katie Paterson are just some of the pieces on show at this year's Biennale

coming artists Sonia Uddin and Leah Elsey, who launch a two-year project at the festival, and see a world premiere of Façade, by Phil Coy.

The film, narrated by newsreader Julia Somerville, was commended with a Film London Flamin Award which recognises London's most innovative moving image artists.

The festival's educational programme has also commissioned artist Jo Addison to create

a poster, sent to 200 schools as an invitation to the event.

The specially-built Biennale headquarters will be based on the beach next to the Royal Native Oyster Stores for the duration of the Biennale, giving access to artists' books and information.

• **For information and a list of exhibitions go to [www.whitstablebiennale.com](http://www.whitstablebiennale.com).**



**ART BATON:** The 1950s Airstream Bubble

## Iconic caravan reveals Kent's hidden culture

A STRIKING aluminium-bodied Airstream caravan is to tour Kent in an effort to reveal hidden aspects of the county's culture.

The iconic vehicle, which was all the rage in 1950s America, was brought back from the dead to be fully restored.

Now it has been specially converted into a unique mobile arts space called the Kent Cultural Baton.

The Airstream Bubble will be host arts activities and workshops for local people to

help them discover the hidden history and distinctive features of Kent.

They will help create photographs, interviews, artwork and sound recordings which will build to create a special 'map' highlighting Kent's culture for future generations.

The Baton was created from the base of a 1950s Bubble Airstream with an added side opening, stage and periscope, to become an exhibition and workshop space.

It is being launched at the Whitstable

Biennale and will journey for the two years in the run-up to the 2012 Olympic and Paralympic Games.

Kent County Council cabinet member for community services Cllr Mike Hill said: "It will help promote organisations and individuals in Kent and give local people the chance to contribute and join in this celebration of culture in the county."

• **To arrange a visit, contact [www.kent-culturalbaton.com/hosting](http://www.kent-culturalbaton.com/hosting).**




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THE recent National Food Safety Week is an annual event held to promote the importance of good food hygiene in the home.

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## Live Aid rocker Bob to get honorary degree

ANTI-poverty campaigner Bob Geldof is to receive an honorary degree from the University for the Creative Arts.

The former Boomtown Rats singer, who lives in Faversham, will be presented with a Master of the Arts on

July 22 for his contribution to the creative arts and his work in humanitarian relief for the third world.

Also being presented with honorary degrees are British Vogue editor Alexandra Shulman OBE, world-renowned ceramicist and author

Edmund de Waal, film and TV producer Parminder Vir OBE and Professor Pradyumna Vyas, director of the National Institute of Design in India.

The University for the Creative Arts has campuses in Rochester, Maidstone and Canterbury.

## Ferry company to axe more than 700 jobs

CROSS-Channel ferry operator SeaFrance, which runs services between Dover and Calais, is to cut 725 jobs in a bid to halt financial losses.

The plan has been put to trade unions, and officials hope to implement the redundancies next month,

leaving the company with a workforce of about 850. But industrial action has followed previous announcements of planned staffing cuts.

Managing director Robin Wilkins said the job losses, which are all in France, will be a step forward in sav-

ing the company, adding: "We're still haemorrhaging cash. It's important we stabilise that. I think there's a growing realisation among our trade union partners that the company is in great difficulties... and it's time to accept this is the way forward."

READERS of our online news service [kentnews.co.uk](http://kentnews.co.uk) are pessimistic about England's chances of winning the World Cup.

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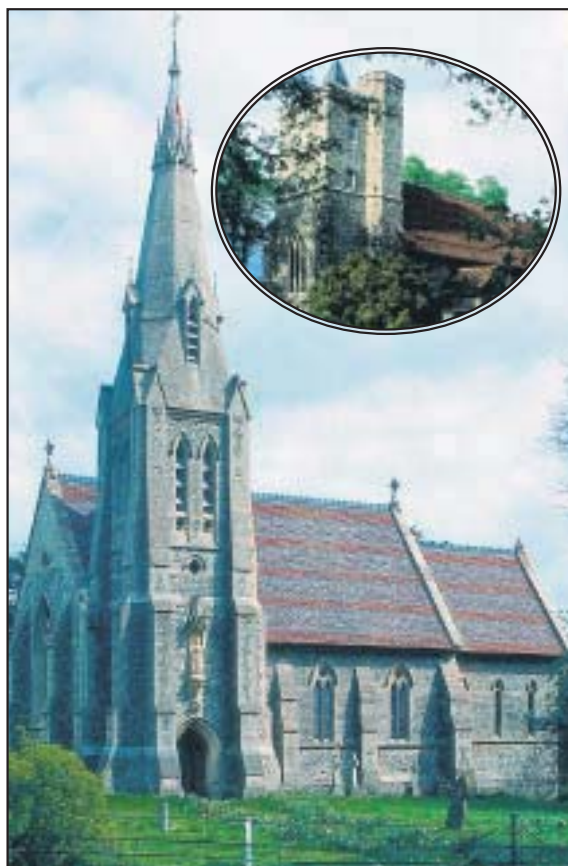
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## Midsummer parties promote use of former churches as community resource



**GOOD LORD:** Trust churches in Kent include St Catherine's at Kingsdown, above, and St James's Church at Cooling, inset

# More tea, no vicars

HISTORIC churches long since abandoned by worshippers will host a series of parties aimed at raising awareness of their availability for community events, **writes Steve Knight.**

Nationally, more than 2,000 unused churches have been demolished, closed or converted since 1969 and the Churches Conservation Trust is keen to raise enough cash to help slow the trend.

The charity maintains 16 places of worship in Kent, including six taking part in this weekend's Midsummer Tea Parties fundraiser. They are: St Thomas a Becket in Tonbridge; St James' in Rochester; All Saints' in Canterbury; St Mary's in Rochester; St Catherine's in Sittingbourne; and St Mary's in Faversham.

Kent development manager John Vigar said: "While they are no longer needed by the Church of England, these are still very important buildings and shouldn't be lost."

"People have forgotten that churches were always community buildings and weren't always just used for religious purposes."

"Back in the Middle Ages they hosted farmers' markets and beer festivals, but over the centuries these have taken a back seat to religion. We want



St Mary's, Higham

to return the churches to how they once were."

The Churches Conservation Trust saves historic churches at risk by bringing them back into everyday use.

On average, it costs £12,000 per annum to maintain a church and about £250,000 to repair and conserve one recently placed into the care of the charity. Money raised through the Midsummer Tea Parties this weekend will go towards these costs.

Chief executive Crispin Truman said: "We have a target to raise £1.5 million more each year. We have been affected by Government cuts and with the tough economic climate ahead we're calling on communities of all faiths to help us protect these beautiful buildings for the benefit of local people, future generations and the nation."

The content of the tea parties will differ at each church but food, drink,

entertainment and games are common themes.

St Thomas a Becket, St James', St Mary's in Rochester and All Saints' are hosting their fundraisers on Saturday, while St Michael's will be open on both Saturday and Sunday.

St Catherine's and St Mary's in Faversham both held theirs on Friday.

Trust chairman Loyd Grossman – the former MasterChef host – said: "We want people to give in to cake temptation and head down to their local Midsummer Tea Party to find out why historic churches rock and how they can be enjoyed today."

"From rehearsal spaces for bands and circus schools to places for quiet contemplation – these remarkable buildings are here for everyone's benefit."

"We also want people to take part. If you fancy sharing your cake creations with the world, check out our website and get in touch with a local event."

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# LETTERS

## LETTER OF THE WEEK

### Not a hole lot of good, Nick

It was good to read Cllr Nick Chard's assurance that 80,400 potholes have been 'fixed' so far this year (KOS Media, last week).

This would be more impressive if the number of dangerous potholes remaining was not so enormous.

Here in Otterden, near Lenham, drivers have to slalom round the potholes to avoid damage to tyres and suspension.

A particularly bad patch was reported to Kent Highways' automated system, which gave it a reference number.

On checking progress some weeks later via the website, the response was 'inquiry resolved'.

What does that mean? It didn't resolve anything, and certainly doesn't mean any work has been done.

The road in question is not a trunk route. However, it is a nine-mile through-route for the villages and farms between Lenham and Faversham and crucial for local people, including those doing school runs. Cllr Chard advises patience.

In this part of Kent our patience, over two months since the beginning of the supposed blitz on potholes, is beginning to wear thin.

*Graham Galer, Otterden*

### A foretaste of new dark age

Your story last week about the three-day power cut in Dartford and south-east London was a neat summary of much that is wrong with Britain today.

It turned out power supplies over a large area depended on just one cable bridge over the River Darent built years ago, but now owned by Electricite de France, a state-owned foreign organisation.

Most large institutions have been allowed to fall into foreign hands to appease our masters in Europe and the USA.

Meanwhile, our government is wasting money that ought to be invested in the network in building turbines to bolster the pretence you can generate electricity from wind.

It is stuck in this implausible frame of mind because at the same time it is fiddling the facts to try to get us to believe the world is heating up and untold disaster will ensue unless we close down our economy to appease the EU.

In five years, two-fifths of our generating capacity must close on EU orders, which means you will not have electricity all day. No fridge, heating, phone or TV, several times a week. So much for the economy.

As for society, Kent Police haven't caught anyone for the damage to this vulnerable point in the National Grid.

People in Dartford think it is because the culprits were gypsies and the police think it would be racist to pursue them.

In Dartford, perhaps we are lucky to have a foretaste of the medieval future Kent has before it so we can get plenty of candles in for lighting, brushwood for heating, and stamps for communication.

*Quentin Williamson, Ukip, Dartford*

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## OPINION: INSPIRED BY THE PROPHET

British Muslims must counter the damaging misconceptions about their faith and place in society, says **REMONA ALY** of the Exploring Islam Foundation

**T**HE findings of a recent YouGov poll – undertaken at the end of May – are troubling to say the least.

More than 2,000 adults were asked for their views on Islam and Muslims, and the poll revealed that one in two Britons associate the faith with extremism and terrorism.

Only six per cent believe it encourages justice and 67 per cent are of the opinion Islam encourages the repression of women. Forty-one per cent disagree or strongly disagree that Muslims contribute positively towards society. It is a shame that two million UK Muslims have been reduced to one-dimensional stereotypes, ones I cannot relate to at all.

I grew up on the same diet as many other Britons – freedom of expression, Blackadder and alphabet spaghetti. I support England in the World Cup.

As a person born, raised and schooled in Kent, and one who takes pride in my county and my country, the findings are a cause for concern. Nearly half of UK adults think Muslims are not good for Britain, when I have always felt I was made in Britain. Now is the time to say what I stand up for – the universal values of peace, coexistence and justice. This is a sentiment shared by my colleagues at the Exploring Islam Foundation, an independent charity that seeks to counter misconceptions and highlight the shared values of Islam.

We, as a group of young British Muslim professionals, are uneasy about the public perception of our faith and of ourselves. So we wanted to do something constructive. Thus the concept for the Inspired by Muhammad campaign was born.

The campaign consists of posters on London Transport: on the Underground, at bus stops and on taxis. It features three individuals, each representing a value Muhammad promoted – care for the environment, social justice and women's rights.

Whereas these areas are nothing new to Muslims, they are not always associated with Muhammad or Islam in mainstream perception.

These posters point towards a comprehensive website explaining further values of education, ani-

mal welfare, charity, coexistence, human rights and healthcare, and explain the core teachings of the faith, all inspired by Muhammad.

It is a human need to look to role models. We all search for inspiration and hope from others. I am inspired by the fortitude of Mandela, the patience of Ghandi, the compassion of Mother Teresa.

I, along with so many others, learn lessons from all these figures, yet ultimately I take inspiration from a man who combined all these qualities and more. Prophet Muhammad is as relevant to me today as he was 14 centuries ago.

The poll findings reveal that while a majority of people get their information about Islam from television and newspapers, only three per cent obtain it from Muslim organisations. This is where Muslims must step forward and speak out for the causes we all share as Britons. What is encouraging is a third of those polled said they would like to find out more about the faith.

The Inspired by Muhammad.com website received 40,000 hits in its first week as a window of easy access to accurate information about Islam.

It has taken time to reach this point for the Muslim communities in Britain and there are many reasons for that: they have undergone much change and faced many challenges in the past decade especially.

While the country was devastated by the violent attacks both abroad and at home, it was also a time to heal and build on relationships. Muslim community initiatives and grassroots projects sprang up across the nation, and at a local level much excellent work is being achieved.

The Inspired by Muhammad campaign has built on the strength of those foundations and moved into the public space. The campaign articulates the growing confidence within the British Muslim identity. While I look back on the last decade with mixed feelings of sadness and gratitude for those bridge-building efforts, I can now look towards the future with hope and determination.

There is still a great deal to be done, but the first steps have been taken.

• **Remona Aly is campaigns director at the Exploring Islam Foundation. She is former deputy editor of emel, a Muslim lifestyle magazine. She lives at Hoo St Werburgh.**



### Cushy time at the chalkface

Give teachers a break? (Letters, last week). Teachers have 13 weeks a year break, not to mention the Baker days, training days, etc.

A teacher says they "do not get paid for holidays". If this is so, taking into account you only work 39 weeks of the year, your monthly pay must be colossal, if you divide your yearly wage by 39.

I shall certainly not feel sorry for teachers any more, particularly as they only work five hours a day – taking off the hour for lunch and two quarter-hour tea breaks.

Most people work a minimum of seven hours a day, many not even having a coffee break. Please don't whinge. Just think yourself lucky you have a job.

*C Webb, Broadstairs*

### Labour's mess looks familiar

There is a remarkably close parallel

between the current national financial picture and the situation which prevailed when I became leader of the council three years ago.

Just like the Government, our Conservative administration found a 'black hole' in the council finances when we took office.

It was clear a scorched-earth policy had been adopted, with reserves at the minimum allowable level and spending priorities shelved, but cash found for an ego-boosting Civic Centre project which although nice, was unwise against the backdrop of very limited finance.

Again just like the national situation being revealed this week, we found the financial forecasts were adventurous in the extreme, with books being balanced by assuming the early receipt of cash due from the Heritage Quarter development, and an outstanding debt to our housing department. Any realistic system of monitoring the budget on a monthly basis was just a bad joke.

Compare the above with the situation revealed in our officers' financial report just put to cabinet: • Reserves and newly created contingency funds now at a very healthy level and sufficient cash

raised/saved for a range of projects (refurbished leisure centres, the promenade).

- Close and accurate monthly financial monitoring, with immediate action where necessary.
- Debt (£313,000) repaid to housing to help refurbish council homes
- A financial plan which has already accounted for severe cuts in Government grant which we had forecast were on the way.

It is an accurate truism that a Labour administration will always get the finances wrong, leaving an incoming Conservative administration to clear up the mess.

*Cllr Mike Snelling, leader, Gravesham Borough Council*

### Attacks on BP boss so unfair

With reference to last week's story headlined 'Family of BP boss threatened after US oil spill' – BP CEO Tony Hayward has accepted responsibility for the oil spill and has apologised for his company.

However, he is not personally responsible for the disaster.

## KOS media COMMENT

### Savings are vital, however you cut it

PRIME Minister David Cameron warned us that action to tackle this country's enormous deficit would affect every single person.

His words have now rung true in Kent – possibly sooner than anyone expected – with massive budget cuts announced by the police and the county council in the space of just a couple of days.

And the first people personally affected by the cuts are the elderly – those most in need of protection from any changes.

In a desperate bid to save £2 million, bosses at KCC are changing the care-home system by shutting down homes and promising a new form of sheltered accommodation. The £2m savings will go some way in helping save the predicted £320m savings the authority needs over the next four years to make up for big cuts in Government grants.

Kent Police has also announced this week they will need to make £20m savings over the next three years, promising there will not be a reduction in frontline services.

As much as these cuts will breed unpopularity towards the authorities, they really have no other choice.

The toughest job after deciding where the cuts will fall is telling the people they will affect, but somebody has to do it.

Unfortunately the word 'cuts' is one people will get used to hearing over the next few years, but without them the country could fall even deeper into economic turmoil.

### It's easy to score a happy Father's Day

THEY may not be as easy to please with the simple present of flowers or chocolates, but this Father's Day we do actually have it easy.

Yes, this year the decision of how to treat our dads has been taken out of our hands in the form of the World Cup.

All you need to do is make sure the beer's cold, the TV's on and, for once, give up the remote control to your dad.

Personal attacks on Mr Hayward are unwarranted and unjust. This man appears fatigued, stressed and unwell. The fact that his family are receiving threats is horrible. Mr Hayward appears to be a decent and reasonable man. He and all at BP are working hard to stop this disaster. The rig explosion was a tragic accident. However, Mr Hayward's responsibility stops at a personal level. This man's health and family have been affected.

The media insult him as he works to find a solution. Armchair critics abound. BP is responding as a company and concerns should be addressed to the company. The personal attacks on Mr Hayward need to cease. Many Americans (myself included) have faced crises as business managers and know the 'weight of the world' feeling.

To pin 'personally responsible' on Mr Hayward's forehead is absurd.

This issue has gone too far. It is time for reporters to report the facts and leave this man and his family alone.

*Dena Miller, mother, nurse and US citizen*

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# BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

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## BIRTHS

### BAKER

Megan Jennifer born on 13th May 2010, weighing 8lb 5oz. Daughter to James and Sam and sister to Caitlin.

### BOTHA

Gerard and Soraya are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful son, Roderick Peter Botha, who was born on 2nd June 2010. A new brother for Rosa-Mae.

### GAMBRILL

Jayne and Michael are delighted to announce the birth of their beautiful baby daughter Imogen Louise, born 22nd May, baby sister to Caitlin.

### HARRIS

Izzy Grace Harris born 9th June to Lisa and Steven, a new baby sister for Molly and Katie.

### HAYCOCK

James and Louise celebrate the birth of their son Harrison

Jay Haycock on 24th May 2010. Brother to Connor.

### HYHAM

Taylor Nevaeh born 24th May 2010 weighing 6lb 11oz. Daughter to Eric and Jayne in Folkestone.

### MARTIN

Lee and Tani are delighted to announce the birth of their precious baby son Nathan Singh Martin. He was born on 27th May 2010. He weighed 6lb 3oz and was 49cm long.

### MILHAM

Helen and John are proud to announce the birth of their son Oscar Charles Milham on 4th June 2010.

### PORT

Congratulations Ricky and Rachel Port on the birth of their 'Little Star' Isla Ruby, born Sunday 30th May at 5.36am, weighing 5lb 15oz. Lots of love and cuddles, Hannah & Colin xx.

## RIGDEN

Wayne, Nadia and Lydia Rigden are proud to announce the safe arrival of Milly Rose Rigden on the 5th June 2010 weighing 9lb 3oz.

### RUSSELL

Nicola and George Russell are proud to announce the birth of their daughter Hannah Zoe, born on 1st June 2010 weighing 7lbs 4oz.

### SCARLETT

Ellie-Mae born on 8th June 2010 weighing 7lb 6oz. Daughter to Richard and Claire in Woodchurch.

### CHASE

Dion and Paula would like to proudly announce the birth of their beautiful daughter Jessica Rose, born on the 4th June 2010 weighing 6lb 7oz.

### WILLIAMS

Andrew and Caroline celebrate the birth of their daughter Megan Caroline Elizabeth Williams on 15th April 2010, weighing 7lbs 8oz. Sister to Gracie.

## DEATHS

### McADAM

Paddy (Desmond) McAdam passed away peacefully in his sleep on the 14th June 2010 after a short illness. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. To live in the hearts of those left behind, is to live forever.

### SPARKS

Bert Sparks passed away peacefully on 1st June 2010 at home aged 78 years. Will be sadly missed by all family and friends. Funeral service to take place on Monday 21st June 10.00am at Medway Crematorium. All friends welcome.

### WELHAM

John William Welham of Hawking passed away peacefully on 13th June 2010 aged 60. Enquiries to Chittendens Funeral Directors, 01303 851456.

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## Laboured excuses

Much has made in the media of the continuing hypocrisy of Labour politicians, who lie about serious problems in their own party while in power, then can't wait to tell us about them when the price is right and they want to cover their backs.

What I find even worse are the number of them queuing up to tell us they were against the invasion of Iraq.

How many tens of thousands have died, how much of Iraq has been destroyed and how many billions have been wasted, while dying people in this country have been refused treatment due to cost, because these careerists thought more about themselves than about truth, justice and the lives of others?

It's a disgrace and I'm surprised the media hasn't made more of the disgust many must feel at the treachery of time-servers, lickspittles, placemen and crooks who demean the title Right Honourable and reduce democracy to a joke.

*Phil Granger, West Malling*

## Wasteful luxury

Some of the upgrades to our police stations were unnecessary, but making them disabled friendly was a must. Many other public places could follow this improvement.

Luxury waiting rooms and new furniture was a waste of money, as was replacing signs outside. And leaving officers exposed on the front desk is unacceptable. This is the first point of contact, where violence is known to kick off.

Surely the safety of officers is the most important part of a police station. Likewise the complainants' room, but not to the point of luxury. When I worked in A&E at a hospital they built a new reception area, automatic doors into the lobby, then further ones into

the waiting area. It was built with north-facing doors, and when it was windy ceiling tiles fell down; when the windows were opened paperwork blew everywhere.

The most extravagant part was the new colour scheme. Chairs and desks were thrown out and dumped – not sold – just because the scheme went from red to blue. Outrageous.

*C Russell, Ramsgate*

## Tip for the minister

Indications from communities minister Eric Pickles that the 'pay as you throw' tax on household waste is to be dropped should be welcomed in the South East, where fly-tipping is a big problem.

Financial penalties for waste disposal always carried the risk of causing a further increase in fly-tipping, which is already a headache for landowners. However, this alone will not stop fly-tipping and there are some real worries that need to be addressed.

As local authorities seek to reduce their overheads, many running collection schemes for household goods have started charging for collection, then charging for individual items.

This may remove some costs for the authority but will almost certainly add to the amount of fly-tipping. Quite simply, the more expensive it becomes to dispose of waste, the greater the temptation to illegally dispose of it, often leaving a private landowner a large clean-up bill. I call on the Government to:

- Ensure local authorities accept fly-tipped waste at local tips easily and without charge to landowners;
- Stop prosecution of landowners who have waste materials – particularly hazardous waste such as asbestos – dumped on their land and have to foot the bill for removing it;
- Create the right policy framework for local authorities to work with police and others on a zero-tolerance approach to the perpetrators of environmental crime.

*Rupert Ashby, Country Land and Business Association*

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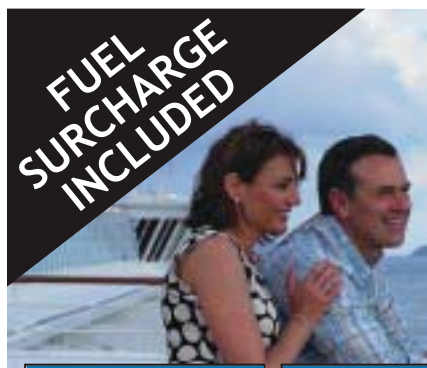
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GRADUATES are being warned they need more than just their degrees to secure a footing on the career ladder.

According to Pitman Training, university leavers need to focus more on their 'employability' – such as by improving their IT skills and ensuring they have a good CV – to make them stand out from others going for the same jobs.

The firm, which has six centres throughout Kent, is now offering the county's graduates a free employability skills audit as a result.

Director David Amos said: "Latest government figures have revealed there are 2.51 million unemployed people in the UK.

"In the majority of cases leaving university with a top-flight degree does not guarantee

## Advice to help your degree count on chosen career path

you automatic entry onto the career ladder of your choice.

"You have to be able to prove to a potential employer that you have more than an academic qualification to offer his or her business.

"You need a raft of practical skills, a fantastic attitude and – most importantly – you need to do your homework."

Mr Amos said a common misconception among many graduates is that good IT skills are not important as long as they have a good degree, and that they may still get an

interview even if their CV is not up to scratch.

He added that leavers should also avoid sending a standard letter to lots of different companies in the hope that one might bite.

Another so-called 'career killer' is turning up to interviews wearing non-office clothing.

University of Kent careers advisor Bruce Woodcock agreed, adding: "However good your degree or relevant your subject to the career you'll be applying for, it's likely you will be competing for this job with other graduates who are equally well-qualified academically.

"Once your degree has unlocked the door, you will need the right mix of skills, abilities and personal qualities in order to turn the handle and give the door the push that will open it to you."

Graduates wishing to register for an employability skills audit should call 01622 686088 or visit [www.pitmantrainingkent.com](http://www.pitmantrainingkent.com).

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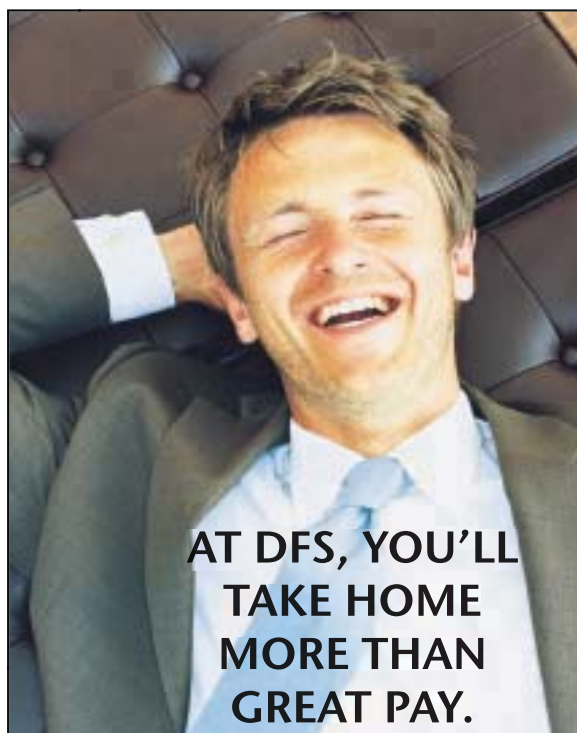
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Please send your CV and covering letter (with salary expectations) to: Human Resources Department, Silver Spring Soft Drinks Ltd, Park Farm, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5EA or via email on [careers@silverspring.co.uk](mailto:careers@silverspring.co.uk). **STRICTLY NO AGENCIES.**

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Salary: Depending on experience

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Due to the location of the farm, you will need your own transport

If you would like a full job description and an application form or if you would like to submit your CV with a covering letter, please send/email them to [c.spittles@fourayes.com](mailto:c.spittles@fourayes.com) or to: HR Department, Fourayes Farm Ltd, Bicknor, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8BJ.

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## ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

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**32.5 hours per week (term time only)**

**Grade D2 salary - £15,039-19,126 pro rata (£11,128-£14,153)**

We are a well resourced, busy primary school located about 5 minutes from Junction 1 of the M2.

The Governors are seeking an organised, hard-working Administration Assistant to join our friendly office team. Good communication skills are essential, as well as knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, including Word and Excel. Experience of SIMS.net would be preferable, but training will be given.

The successful candidate will have a friendly manner and enjoy working as part of a team. Ideally, you will also be presentable, flexible, and have a sense of humour!

For more information and an application pack, please contact Susan Skinner (School Business Manager). Visits to the school are also welcome.

Tel: 01634 338040 Email: [office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk)

Any offer of appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Closing Date: Monday 28th June 2010  
Interview Dates: 1st July 2010/2nd July 2010  
Start Date: 1st September 2010



## Design Technology Technician

**Kent Scheme 4**

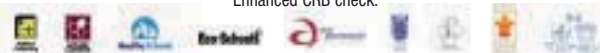
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The applicant should have good knowledge of CAD/CAM software and be confident in using and maintaining a range of workshop tools and machinery correctly and safely. Duties for this position will include the ordering of materials and parts for the department, keeping the workshop tidy and organised and supporting students in the manufacturing of their practical projects.

For further details and an application form telephone 01622 726683 or email [office@opgs.org](mailto:office@opgs.org). Closing date for applications is 28th June 2010.

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Salary according to qualifications and experience.

CLOSING DATE for Applications: Friday 2nd July 2010

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You will have at least three years' management experience in school finance, payroll and finance systems.

**SENIOR FINANCE ASSISTANT**

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37 hours a week, full-time

To be a deputy to the Finance Manager with the key focus of the role being the efficient organisation and operation of the payroll functions in line with best practice and according to agreed and documented procedures.

You will have at least three years' experience of payroll and finance systems, be able to work in a pressurised environment.

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Contact:  
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MidKent College is working in partnership with RBLI Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBLI, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBLI on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website [www.rbli.co.uk](http://www.rbli.co.uk) for information, advice and guidance.

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Application forms and further details are available from [www.midkent.ac.uk](http://www.midkent.ac.uk). Alternatively, please e-mail [job.applications@midkent.ac.uk](mailto:job.applications@midkent.ac.uk). For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number.

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The Governing Body meets three times a year in the evenings and there are committee meetings during the day. Additional duties as requested by the Chair and/or the Headteacher may be required. Good word processing skills are essential.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Salary is dependant upon experience. Further information including a job description is available from the school. Deadline Friday 2nd July.

Web: [www.culverstone-green.kent.sch.uk](http://www.culverstone-green.kent.sch.uk)  
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**SITE MANAGER**

**Hoo St Werburgh Primary School & Marlborough Centre**  
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**Hours negotiable (25 to 35 per week)**

**Grade: D2 Salary: £15,039-£19,126 per annum (pro rata)**

We are a well resourced, busy primary school located about 5 minutes from Junction 1 of the M2.

The Governors are seeking a flexible, pro-active Site Manager. Duties include supervising a team of two assistant caretakers, security and general maintenance of the school buildings and grounds, cleaning and portering, as well as general ad hoc duties.

Basic hours per week are negotiable, but flexibility in times of absence and lettings (including occasional weekend work) is essential. Overtime is paid for additional hours. As a key holder, you would also be the first point of contact in the case of an emergency.

The successful candidate will have a flexible approach, basic DIY skills, and enjoy working in a school environment. Previous experience of working with children is an advantage.

For more information and an application pack, please contact Susan Skinner (School Business Manager).

Visits to the school are also welcome.

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Any offer of appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

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CLOSING DATE for Applications: Friday 25th June 2010  
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 Email HR@superior-care.co.uk

#### ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT

**Rochester**  
**Salary:** £15,039-19,126 pro rata  
**Closing Date:** Monday 28th June 2010  
**ADMINISTRATION ASSISTANT** Hoo St Werburgh Primary School & Marlborough Centre Rochester, Kent 32.5 hours per week (term time only) Grade D2 salary - £15,039-19,126 pro rata (£11,128-£14,153) We are a well resourced, busy primary school located about 5 minutes from Junction 1 of the M2. The Governors are seeking an organised, hard-working Administration Assistant to join our friendly office team. Good communication skills are essential, as well as knowledge of Microsoft Office applications, including Word and Excel. Experience of SIMS.net would

be preferable, but training will be given. The successful candidate will have a friendly manner and enjoy working as part of a team. Ideally, you will also be presentable, flexible, and have a sense of humour! For more information and an application pack, please contact Susan Skinner (School Business Manager). Visits to the school are also welcome. Tel: 01634 338040 Email: office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk Any offer of appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.  
**Closing Date:** Monday 28th June 2010 Interview Dates: 1st July 2010/2nd July 2010 Start Date: 1st September 2010.  
**To apply/more information:** Hoo St Werburgh Primary School  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01634 338040  
 Email office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk

#### Office Assistant

**Faversham**  
**Salary:** £15,039-£16,830 pro rata  
**Closing Date:** 25 June 2010  
**Office Assistant** £15,039-£16,830 pro rata Based Faversham • 22.5 hours per week (Wed, Thurs & Fri) KCA (UK) is an expanding and vibrant organisation providing a wide range of high quality and innovative specialist services in the alcohol, drug and mental health sectors. You will assist the Administrator in entering full and accurate data on to the client database. This role includes liaising with Service Centre staff regarding data queries and sending out mail merge letters from the database. This role requires a high degree of meticulousness. You will need to be fully computer literate, preferably with experience of databases and Microsoft Excel, and able to work accurately and effectively under pressure and to tight deadlines. You will have good interpersonal skills and the ability to communicate with a wide range of people at all levels. For an informal discussion about the post contact Shaun Bark on 01795 590795. Application forms and job descriptions can be downloaded from www.kca.org.uk or call 01795 590795 selecting option three. Please quote reference number 672. Closing date: 25 June 2010. Interview date: 6 July 2010. KCA (UK) is committed to the principles of equality of opportunity for all and welcomes applications from people with experience of substance use or who have had previous problems with substance misuse. Charity No: 292824 www.kca.org.uk  
**To apply/more information:** KCA (UK)  
**Quoting Job Ref:** 672  
 Tel: 01795 590795  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

#### Senior Administrator

**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** circa £19,000 p.a. pro rata  
**Closing Date:** Friday 9th July 2010  
**Spring House Family Service** has recently been awarded the contract to set up Children's Centres in Sevenoaks Town and Westerham. As a result, we are now recruiting a number of new staff to join our existing team. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and creative, excited about starting new projects, and are able to work in partnership with other agencies. Above all, we want to recruit people who are able to engage with children under five and be able to offer advice and support to their families. Senior Administrator Salary circa £19,000 p.a. pro rata 30 hours per week. Your role involves line managing the work of our receptionist & administrator to ensure the smooth running of our administration systems, an understanding of book keeping practices is desirable. We are seeking an enthusiastic individual, with excellent team management and interpersonal skills to manage a well established business support team. You will need a high standard of word processing and administrative skills paying particular attention to accuracy

and detail. Experience at working within a busy environment you will be flexible and adaptable as well as demonstrating good customer care. You will have a good standard of general education to GCSE level and an NVQ3 in administration or the ability to demonstrate an equivalent level of competence. All posts are based at Spring House Family Centre, Hospital Road, Sevenoaks and are subject to Spring House receiving a satisfactory enhanced disclosure from the Criminal Records Bureau. You will also have a full driving licence with the use of a car for work. An application pack and further information can be obtained by either ringing 01732 465539 or emailing admin@springhouse.org.uk. Closing date: Friday 9th July 2010. Interviews are likely to take place during the week commencing Monday 19th July 2010. Spring House Family Service offers good working conditions, and a comprehensive training programme. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.  
**To apply/more information:** Spring House Family Service  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 465539  
 Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

#### Clerk to Governing Body

**Meopham**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2nd July  
**Clerk to the governing body** The governors at Culverstone Green Primary School wish to appoint a well organised, efficient person to clerk at governing body meetings. You will be able to take minutes and carry out other duties as detailed in the job description. The appointment is subject to annual review. The Governing Body meets three times a year in the evenings and there are committee meetings during the day. Additional duties as requested by the Chair and/or the Headteacher may be required. Good word processing skills are essential. The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Salary is dependant upon experience. Further information including a job description is available from the school. Deadline Friday 2nd July. Web: www.culverstone-green.kent.sch.uk Tel: 01732 822568.  
**To apply/more information:** Culverstone Green Primary School  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 822568  
 Email office@culverstone-green.kent.sch.uk

**Quality Co-ordinator**  
**Medway**  
**Salary:** £24,792-£30,002 pro rata  
**Closing Date:** Wednesday 2 July 2010  
**MidKent College** based in the Medway Towns and Maidstone is seeking to appoint an outstanding individual in the following area: Quality Co-ordinator Ref: P0491 Salary: £24,792-£30,002 pro rata 22.2 hours per week Medway We are seeking to appoint a Quality Co-ordinator who will make an important contribution to the monitoring the college's quality improvement procedures and initiatives. Reporting to the Head of Standards and Quality Improvement, you will work closely with the Faculty Heads and teaching and support staff across the college. Closing date: Wednesday 2 July 2010  
**MidKent College** is working in partnership with RBL Employment Solutions to support individuals who have a disability or health condition in the application, interview and employment with the college. If you would like any further information regarding RBL, or require assistance with your application process then please contact RBL on 0800 783 1144 or visit their website www.rbl.co.uk for information, advice and guidance. The College is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of employment is subject to a Criminal Records Bureau check in accordance with the College procedure. Application forms and further details are available from www.midkent.ac.uk. Alternatively, please e-mail job.applications@midkent.ac.uk. For individuals without access to e-mail or the internet please call the HR department on 01634 383102 (24 hour answer machine). In all communication with the College please quote the appropriate job title and reference number. MidKent College is an equal opportunities employer.

**To apply/more information:** Mid Kent College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** P0491  
 Tel: 01634  
 Email job.applications@midkent.ac.uk

### Child Care

#### Early Years Practitioner

**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** circa £16,000 p.a.  
**Closing Date:** Friday 9th July 2010  
**Spring House Family Service** has recently been awarded the contract to set up Children's Centres in Sevenoaks Town and Westerham. As a result, we are now recruiting a number of new staff to join our existing team. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and creative, excited about starting new projects, and are able to work in partnership with other agencies. Above all, we want to recruit people who are able to engage with children under five and be able to offer advice and support to their families. Early Years Practitioner Salary circa £16,000 p.a. 37 hours per week. Your role is to plan, organise, and lead play and learning activities within the Centres and in other community settings. You will take responsibility for running crèches within the service and will work together with Spring House colleagues, volunteers and local partner agencies to develop an integrated and holistic approach to pre-school learning and development. You will have a good standard of general education to GCSE level, and an NVQ 3 or equivalent in childcare. An application pack and further information can be obtained by either ringing 01732 465539 or emailing admin@springhouse.org.uk. Closing date: Friday 9th July 2010. Interviews are likely to take place during the week commencing Monday 19th July 2010. Spring House Family Service offers good working conditions, and a comprehensive training programme. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.  
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**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 465539  
 Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

### Construction, Architecture, Surveyors

#### EXHIBITION CARPENTERS/JOINERS

**Gravesend**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**ESM LTD** Exhibition Stand Design, Manufacture, and Management Based in Gravesend require EXHIBITION CARPENTERS/JOINERS Telephone (01474) 536360 for application form or e-mail CV to: mail@esm-uk.com  
**To apply/more information:** Esm Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01474 536360  
 Email mail@esm-uk.com

### Domestic

#### Day and Evening Cleaners

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Day & Evening Cleaners** Required in Whitstable, Herne Bay, Canterbury, Broadstairs 2.5hrs per week too 6hrs per week 01227 749 229.  
**To apply/more information:** Ake Cleaning and Upholstery Cleaning  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01227 749 229  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Domestic Trades

#### Handyman

**Tunbridge Wells**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**We** require a handyman to join our team at The Bridge, Tunbridge Wells, a new development of 2 bedroom apartments. The successful candidate will be able to work alone or as part of a team. Duties will include light/medium maintenance, cleaning responsibilities and assisting the sales team with daily tasks. Immediate start essential. Please telephone 01892 546042 for more information. www.fairview.co.uk  
**To apply/more information:** Fairview Homes Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01892 546042  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

#### Trainee Carpet Cleaning Technicians

**Kent**  
**Salary:** £20k +  
**Trainee Carpet Cleaning Technicians** Immediate Start £20K + per year Must have fulldriving license Call 0800 9176726.  
**To apply/more information:** Complete Carpet Cleaning Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 0800 9176726  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Education, Teacher, School

#### Teacher of Information Technology

**Aylesford**  
**Salary:** Main Scale  
**Closing Date:** 22/06/2010  
**Aylesford School - Sports College** is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of

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**To apply/more information:**  
Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01622 717341  
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

### Teacher of Physical Education

**Aylesford**  
**Salary:** MPS  
**Closing Date:** 24/06/2010  
Aylesford School - Sports College Roll 860 11 - 18 Mixed Foundation Secondary School Teacher of Physical Education Main Scale Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:- \* A brand new school. \* Outstanding new facilities in all areas. \* NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none. \* A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways. \* A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another. \* A forward

looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:- \* Can motivate students through the curriculum. \* Has the desire to make the difference. \* Is focussed on developing their career further. The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 ext 204 or email your request to jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

### Teacher of Science

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**To apply/more information:**  
Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
**Quoting Job Ref:** 001  
Tel: 01622 717341  
Email jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk

### TRAINER

**Medway**  
**Salary:** £17,834 pa  
**Closing Date:** 25 June 2010  
Nacro is the principal crime reduction charity in England and Wales. It works to reduce crime by delivering a range of socially inclusive crime prevention initiatives by working for a fair and effective criminal justice system and by resettling offenders. Nacro Services in Kent and Medway offers vocational and skills training to young people aged 14-19years / adult learners and those who wish to improve their literacy and numeracy. Our aim is to motivate raise self-esteem and increase self confidence through effective training and skills development to progress our learners into education, training or employment. As our provision extends we are looking for lively, self motivated individuals who enjoy the challenge of working with people of all ages but, in particular, young people. We have the following vacancies at our Newbridge House Centre Chatham: **TRAINER** £17,834 pa We hold contracts for Entry to Employment (e2e) and Schools to deliver programmes which engage and develop young people in order that they may progress into Employment, Training or Further Education. We are looking for an individual to join our staff team who is enthusiastic, lively and creative. You will be someone with experience/qualifications in Personal and Social areas so that we can expand our programme for young people. You will be required to work as part of a team and under your own initiative. Experience of challenging behaviour would be an advantage. **KEY SKILLS TRAINER** (part time) 16hrs £17,834pa

(pro-rata) This role is to provide high quality Key Skills for Life for young people aged 16-19. You must have good administrative skills and record keeping and ability to produce reports and monitoring of all information. Good time management is a must as well as to be able to communicate effectively at all levels verbally and in writing. You will be required to work as part of a team and under your own initiative. Experience of challenging behaviour would be an advantage. We have the following vacancies at our Sittingbourne Centre: **YOUTH WORKER - PART TIME** (18HRS) ESF Switched On Project **Salary:** £7946 We are looking for an enthusiastic individual who can motivate and engage young people between the ages of 14-16 on short motivational courses. You will need to be willing to travel to deliver the courses in various locations across Kent. Project Worker x 2 ESF TIE Project (full time) £17,834 pa We are looking for an individual to join our staff team who is enthusiastic, lively and creative. You will be someone with experience/qualifications in Personal and Social areas so that we can expand our programme with 14-19 year old young people. You will need to be willing to travel to deliver the courses in various locations across Kent, and including the Young Offenders Institute in Medway. These posts could work from our Sittingbourne or Chatham Centres. Closing date for all the above posts is 25 June 2010 Contact Colin.farrow@nacro.org.uk or call Colin Farrow on 01634 818305 for an application pack.

**To apply/more information:**  
Nacro Services Kent  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
Tel: 01634 818305  
Email  
Colin.farrow@nacro.org.uk

### KEY SKILLS TRAINER

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### YOUTH WORKER - PART TIME

**Sittingbourne**  
**Salary:** £7,946  
**Closing Date:** 25 June 2010  
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### Project Worker x 2

**Sittingbourne**  
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### Teacher of Theme Based Learning (TBL) for Years 7 and 8

**Aylesford**  
**Salary:** MPS  
**Closing Date:** 24th June 2010  
This post would suit a teacher who is trained in primary or middle school education. Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. Our Theme Based Learning (TBL) curriculum in Year 7 and 8 brings together a number of subjects where a common context unites the learning that takes place in lessons. It is in Year 7 that students are placed within their personalised learning pathway. The three pathways we have in each year group are based on the ability profile of the year group and it is here they begin their learning journey. The Escalate Pathway is the most supportive of our pathways as it aims to ease the transition into secondary

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school. Students in the Escalate groups are taught by the same teacher for a number of subjects and in much smaller groups than the rest of the year. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:-

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- Outstanding new facilities in all areas.
- A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways.
- A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another.
- A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:-
- Can motivate students through the curriculum.
- Has the desire to make the difference.
- Is focussed on developing their career further.

For an application pack please contact Miss Jill McKenna on 01622 717341 or email your request to [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk) Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

**To apply/more information:** Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01622 717341  
Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

### Teacher of Art Maternity Cover

**Aylesford**  
**Salary:** Main Scale  
**Closing Date:** 24/06/2010  
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- "A brand new school."
- "Outstanding new facilities in all areas."
- "NQT/ New staff induction package that is second to none."
- "A highly regarded CPD programme with personal professional pathways."
- "Your own laptop for the duration of your appointment."
- "A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another."
- "A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students. We are looking for a committed professional who:-"
- "Can motivate students through the curriculum."
- "Has the desire to make the difference."
- "Is focussed on developing their career further."
- "Is able to teach Art at key stage 3, 4 and 5."

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### Thinking of Returning to Teaching?

**Kent**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 29th June  
Thinking of Returning to Teaching? If you are a qualified teacher and thinking of resuming your career after a break, Kent County Council is running Return to Teaching courses during the 2010/11 academic year designed to enable you to make a successful return to the classroom. These will be held in convenient locations across the county and are open to both primary and secondary trained teachers. Information events are scheduled for 29th June at Hillview School, Bironne Gardens, Tonbridge, TE9 2HE and Oakwood House, Maidstone ME16 8AF on 1st July, starting at 10:00. Interviews will be held

at Oakwood House on 13th and 14th July For more information visit [www.kent-teach.com](http://www.kent-teach.com) or contact Rajmund Brent at KCC on 01622 203800 ext. 244.

**To apply/more information:** Kent County Council  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01622 203800  
Email [rajmund.brent@kent.gov.uk](mailto:rajmund.brent@kent.gov.uk)

### Teaching Assistant

**Aylesford**  
**Salary:** Kent Scheme 3  
**Closing Date:** 29th June 2010  
Kent Scheme 3 - £14099 - £15984 pa (which equates to £9427 - £10688 pro rata) 30 hours per weeks - 38 week per year  
Aylesford School - Sports College is an innovative forward looking Specialist Sports College. We have a strong community ethos where we put the learner at the heart of everything we do. At Aylesford School - Sports College we can offer you:-

- "A strong, committed inclusion team who have been recognised for their development of intervention and support."
- "A recently build school with excellent facilities"
- "A buzzing and vibrant staff who are friendly and keen to help one another"
- "A forward looking curriculum with individualised pathways for students"
- "A CPD programme with personal professional pathways"
- "We are looking for a committed professional who:-"
- "Can motivate students through the curriculum"
- "Are knowledgeable of developments in Inclusion and SEN"
- "Has the desire to make a difference"
- "Is focussed on developing their career further"
- "Has a level 2 qualification in English and Maths"

Please note that this school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.

**To apply/more information:** Jill McKenna  
Aylesford School - Sports College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01622 717341  
Email [jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jill.mckenna@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

### Design Technology Technician

**Maidstone**  
**Salary:** £15,098 - £16,793 pro rata  
**Closing Date:** 28th June 2010  
Design Technology Technician  
Kent Scheme 4 (£15,098 - £16,793 pro rata) We are seeking to appoint a Design and Technology Technician to work 37 hours per week, term time only (40 weeks per year) in our Design and Technology Department. The applicant should have good knowledge of CAD/CAM software and be confident in using and maintaining a range of workshop tools and machinery correctly and safely. Duties for this position will include the ordering of materials and parts for the department, keeping the workshop tidy and organised and supporting students in the manufacturing of their practical projects. For further details and an application form telephone 01622 726683 or email [office@opgs.org](mailto:office@opgs.org). Closing date for applications is 28th June 2010. Oakwood Park Grammar School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo child protection screening appropriate to the post, including checks with former employers and Enhanced CRB check.

**To apply/more information:** Oakwood Park Grammar School  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01622 726683  
Email [office@opgs.org](mailto:office@opgs.org)

### SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TEACHER/SUPPORT

**Sandwich**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Friday 2nd July 2010  
SPECIAL EDUCATIONAL NEEDS TEACHER/SUPPORT An opportunity has arisen for an individual with experience to work with academically able students with Special Educational Needs at this very successful co-educational grammar school. The role requires the successful candidate to work with, and tutor, individuals or groups of students, with needs particularly associated with specific learning difficulties/dyslexia and/or social communication difficulties. While working hours are relatively flexible, there is an expected demand of approximately 12 hours per week and it may be necessary to schedule some sessions before, during or after-school. Salary according to qualifications and experience. CLOSING DATE for Applications: Friday 2nd July 2010 Please contact The School Office for an Information/ Application Pack. Please note that the post is offered subject to receipt of two professional references. SIR ROGER MANWOOD'S SCHOOL SANDWICH, KENT CT13 9JX High Performing Specialist College in Languages, Maths and Computing Tel: 01304 613286 Fax: 01304 615336 E-mail: [head@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:head@srms.kent.sch.uk) Foundation Mixed Grammar School Roll 914 including 275 in the Sixth Form and 50 boarders Sir Roger Manwood's School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. The successful applicant will be required to undertake an Enhanced Disclosure by the CRB and the post is exempt from the Rehabilitation of Offenders Act 1974.

**To apply/more information:** Sir Roger Manwoods  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01304 613286  
Email [head@srms.kent.sch.uk](mailto:head@srms.kent.sch.uk)

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## Engineering, Manufacturing, Utilities

### Technician - Plant and HGV

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 12 noon on Monday 21st June 2010  
Technician - Plant and HGV (Ref: S2193) 37 hours per week, Ashford Following the recent merger of West Kent College and South Kent College, we are looking forward to an exciting future of growth and development. Combining the resources, commitment and ambition of our teams, the new College has campuses stretching right across Kent, from Ashford, Dover and Folkestone to Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. We have an opportunity to join our busy Engineering team to support staff and students in the day-to-day running of the workshops. Responsibilities will include assisting with the supervision of students under instruction, demonstrating the use of equipment and apparatus, and contributing to the safe working practices of the workshops by guiding and advising students and leading by example. The closing date for receipt of applications is 12 noon on Monday 21st June 2010. Please contact us for further details and an application form: Email: [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk) or Telephone: 01303 858373 (24 hour answer-phone). All posts are subject to a disclosure check by the Criminal Records Bureau. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children, young people and vulnerable adults and expect all employees to share this commitment. Applications are welcome from suitably qualified candidates regardless of ethnicity, gender, age, disability, sexuality or religion.

**To apply/more information:** South Kent College  
Quoting Job Ref: S2193  
Tel: 01303 858373  
Email [humanresources@southkent.ac.uk](mailto:humanresources@southkent.ac.uk)

### Production Technician

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** £7.00 per hour  
Pell Hardigg UK Ltd manufacture varied products using injection and roto moulded cases and custom foam fabrication. Many customers are high profile and attention to detail and excellent finish is essential. Duties require manual skills in the areas of production and foam fabrication. The assembly and installation of foam liners. The ability to work to and inspect against engineering design drawings. Good, safe and confident operation of factory

equipment including band saws and hot air guns. Reliable attendance and punctuality is essential. Pay - £7.00 per hour + benefits. All applications to:- Hardigg UK Ltd Mrs H. Edwards Unit 4 Brookfield Leacon Road, Ashford, Kent. TN23 4TU.  
**To apply/more information:** Hardigg UK Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## Graduate, Trainees

### Train at Pfizer

**Sandwich**  
**Salary:** £95 per week  
**Closing Date:** 30th June  
Would you like to work for the world's largest pharmaceutical company? Now you can... by applying for a unique opportunity form Pfizer & Thanet College Train at Pfizer in Sandwich. Gain an A-level standard Applied Science qualification Earn £95 per week Go on to study Biological or Chemical Science at university Requirements: Grade C in GCSE English, Maths & Science To apply call 01843 605049 or visit [thanet.ac.uk](http://thanet.ac.uk) before 30th June.  
**To apply/more information:** Thanet College  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01843 605049  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## Health & Safety, Security, Defense

### SITE MANAGER

**Rochester**  
**Salary:** £15,039-£19,126 per annum (pro rata)  
**Closing Date:** Monday 28th June 2010  
SITE MANAGER Hoo St Werburgh Primary School & Marlborough Centre Rochester, Kent Hours negotiable (25 to 35 per week) Grade: D2 Salary: £15,039-£19,126 per annum (pro rata) We are a well resourced, busy primary school located about 5 minutes from Junction 1 of the M2. The Governors are seeking a flexible, pro-active Site Manager. Duties include supervising a team of two assistant caretakers, security and general maintenance of the school buildings and grounds, cleaning and portering, as well as general ad hoc duties. Basic hours per week are negotiable, but flexibility in terms of absence and lettings (including occasional weekend work) is essential. Overtime is paid for additional hours. As a key holder, you would also be the first point of contact in the case of an emergency. The successful candidate will have a flexible approach, basic DIY skills, and enjoy working in a school environment. Previous experience of working with children is an advantage. For more information and an application pack, please contact Susan Skinner (School Business Manager). Visits to the school are also welcome. Tel: 01634 338040 Email: [office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk) Any offer of appointment will be subject to satisfactory references and an enhanced Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure. This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Closing Date: Monday 28th June 2010 Interview Dates: 1st July 2010/2nd July 2010 Start Date: As soon as possible.

**To apply/more information:** Hoo St Werburgh Primary School  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01634 338040  
Email [office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk](mailto:office@hoo-st-werburgh.medway.sch.uk)

### Safety Inspector

**Tunbridge Wells**  
**Salary:** £180 per month  
Safety Inspector Local dependable person required for testing fire alarms in Tunbridge Wells. Full training provided. Must be fit and have own vehicle. 3.5 hours per week on a Friday @ £180 per month. Contact Louise on 020 7960 3980.  
**To apply/more information:** Metro Safety  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 020 7960 3980  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

## Industrial, Warehouse, Factory

### Forklift Driver(s)

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** 30 June 2010  
Forklift Driver(s) We are currently recruiting for experienced Forklift Driver(s) on a permanent and temporary basis. You must hold a valid Fork Lift Truck License and have previous experience as a Fork Lift Driver. The role will involve manual work. Previous experience of Warehouse Management Scanner's (WMS), order picking, goods in out, data entry, loading and unloading high volume of vehicles would be advantageous. You must be a strong team player with a flexible approach to working and with excellent communication skills. Please send your CV and covering letter (with salary expectations) to: Human Resources Department, Silver Spring Soft Drinks Ltd, Park Farm, Folkestone, Kent, CT19 5EA or via email on [careers@silverspring.co.uk](mailto:careers@silverspring.co.uk). STRICTLY NO AGENCIES. Closing date for receipt of applications: 30 June 2010.  
**To apply/more information:** Silver Spring  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Email [careers@silverspring.co.uk](mailto:careers@silverspring.co.uk)

### Shift Production Supervisor

**Sittingbourne**  
**Salary:** TBA  
Shift Production Supervisor Established in 1953, Fourayes is a family-owned and run food processing business. We manufacture a wide range of mince meat and fruit fillings for the dessert and bakery manufacturing industry in the UK. We are situated off the A249, close to both the M20 and the M2. We currently need an experienced Shift Production Supervisor to work in our Production department. The successful candidate will be responsible for a team of approximately 10-20 staff and the allocation of resources on a daily basis to ensure attainment of production requirements as well as ensuring that all relevant quality and health & safety procedures are adhered to. You will need to interface with other departments in the company to achieve smooth production flow, drive continuous improvements with a view to ensuring achievement of set targets and objectives as well as developing a cohesive team excelling in high customer service performance levels are all aspects of the role. The ideal candidate will have experience working in the food industry as well as supervisory experience. Salary: Depending on experience Hours of work: shift hours: 6am until 2pm and 2pm until 10pm,

Monday to Friday with 30 minutes break. Shift Handovers time will be expected Due to the location of the farm, you will need your own transport If you would like a full job description and an application form or if you would like to submit your CV with a covering letter, please send/email them to [c.spittles@fourayes.com](mailto:c.spittles@fourayes.com) or to: HR Department, Fourayes Farm Ltd, Bicknor, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8BJ. NO AGENCIES PLEASE.  
**To apply/more information:** Fourays  
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Email [c.spittles@fourayes.com](mailto:c.spittles@fourayes.com)

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## Leisure, Tourism, Travel

### Stylists

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**Salary:** TBA  
Stylists required for busy and very friendly High Street salon in Tenterden. Full or Part time positions required, must have at least 4 years Salon experience. Competitive rates of pay plus commission. Please ring 01580764067 or 07970309800 for more information or leave a message.  
**To apply/more information:** Pizzazz Hairdressing Salon  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01580764067  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Youth Theatre workshop Leader

**Margate**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**Closing Date:** Tuesday 6th July 2010  
Youth Theatre workshop Leader (sessional) For application packs please call 01843 293397, see our website [www.theatroyalmargate.com](http://www.theatroyalmargate.com) or email [admin@theatroyalmargate.com](mailto:admin@theatroyalmargate.com) Deadline for applications - Tuesday 6th July 2010 Interviews - w/c 19th July 2010  
Margate Theatre Royal Trust is a registered charity (279015) and aims to be an equal opportunities employer.  
**To apply/more information:** Theatre Royal Margate  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01843 293397  
Email [admin@theatroyalmargate.com](mailto:admin@theatroyalmargate.com)

## Management, Senior Positions

### Duty Front of House Manager

**Margate**  
**Salary:** £16K pro rata  
**Closing Date:** Tuesday 6th July 2010  
P/T Duty Front of House Manager (£16K pro rata) Youth Theatre workshop Leader (sessional) For application packs please call 01843 293397, see our website [www.theatroyalmargate.com](http://www.theatroyalmargate.com) or email [admin@theatroyalmargate.com](mailto:admin@theatroyalmargate.com) Deadline for applications - Tuesday 6th July 2010 Interviews - w/c 19th July 2010

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**To apply/more information:** Theatre Royal Margate  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01843 293397  
Email [admin@theatroyalmargate.com](mailto:admin@theatroyalmargate.com)

## Motor Trade, Driver

### Drivers and Child Supervisors

**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** TBA  
Drivers & Child Supervisors required for home to school transport (not owner drivers). Term time only. ALSO Weekend Taxi Drivers Help with Licence fees. Clean Licence. Tonbridge Call Dan on 01732 355866.  
**To apply/more information:** GMS Travel Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 355866  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### Weekend Taxi Drivers

**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** TBA  
Drivers & Child Supervisors required for home to school transport (not owner drivers). Term time only. ALSO Weekend Taxi Drivers Help with Licence fees. Clean Licence. Tonbridge Call Dan on 01732 355866.  
**To apply/more information:** GMS Travel Ltd  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01732 355866  
Email [applications@jobsforkent.co.uk](mailto:applications@jobsforkent.co.uk)

### PANEL BEATER

**Sandwich**  
**Salary:** TBA  
PANEL BEATER A busy repair centre in Sandwich requires a fully qualified Panel Beater. The successful applicant must provide a high standard of work in addition to being capable of working on their own initiative. A minimum of three years jig experience is required and accreditation to PAS125 would be advantageous. Good rate of pay Immediate start Email CV to [jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk](mailto:jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk) or telephone 01304 620999.  
**To apply/more information:** Total Motor Care  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 01304 620999  
Email [jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk](mailto:jobs@totalmotorcare.co.uk)

### EXPERIENCED TRUCK TECHNICIAN

**Maidstone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
Maidstone EXPERIENCED TRUCK TECHNICIAN Join a winning team. We know that you will not be disappointed! Excellent basic rates and bonuses Overtime working available Company pension scheme Individual staff manufacturer training programmes Modern fully equipped workshops We offer excellent packages in line with experience and are an equal opportunities employer with a policy of promotion through ability. With over 300 staff across nine locations, many with significant lengths of service, the Haynes Group recognise the importance of employment stability. For details on these outstanding opportunities contact Matthew Curtis - Service Manager on either 07967 010053 or email [m.curtis@haynesgrp.co.uk](mailto:m.curtis@haynesgrp.co.uk) Part of the Haynes Group of Companies.  
**To apply/more information:** Haynes Trucks  
Quoting Job Ref: kos  
Tel: 07967 010053  
Email [m.curtis@haynesgrp.co.uk](mailto:m.curtis@haynesgrp.co.uk)





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## Taxi Controller and Telephonist

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Taxi Controller & Telephonist Wanted. Would suit Ex taxi driver However Full training given Also required School Escorts For more information, please Contact Jake or Jay at JJ Taxis on 01303 244442.  
**To apply/more information:** L J Sackett Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01303 244442  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

## Nursing, Medicine, Care Work

### Massage Therapist

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** 9-18 k per annum + bonuses  
**Closing Date:** 30/06/10  
 FULLTIME PART-TIME/JOBSHARE Position available at Kent's leading Spinal Health Care Practice in Canterbury. We are looking for hardworking and motivated massage therapists who are: Enthusiastic and committed to helping people Organised and efficient A Team Player Driven to attain self improvement and success Must have basic Massage qualification further in house training given Basic computer skills preferable No Clinical experience necessary as full training will be given NEW GRADUATES WELCOME! Apply for this position if you consider yourself to be confident and outgoing Earning ability from £8000 - £22000 per annum If you think you have what we are looking for, please apply in writing with your C.V. to Recruitment Manager, The Wellness Practice LTD Bleau Canterbury Kent CT2 9EB.  
**To apply/more information:** Practice Manager Wellness Practice  
**Quoting Job Ref:** masthe 001  
 Tel: 01227 789977  
 Email admin@idealspinecentre.co.uk

### Marketing, Sales and Communication

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** 12,500-26,500 depending on skills  
**Closing Date:** 30/06/10  
 FULL-TIME, PART-TIME/JOBSHARE MOTIVATED & READY We are looking for someone who has an ability to communicate confidently with members of the public with a level of service that exceeds expectation. This role is office based within the health and wellness sector and also includes community based events for promotions. Only apply if you are interested in personal growth, development and a career. Whilst the role has a base salary depending on your demonstrative skills, there is huge potential for bonuses for any applicant. That is why you have to be the kind of person who enjoys having goals and helping people get well and stay well. If you love success, you are eager to help people and want to make a difference, please apply immediately.  
**To apply/more information:** Dr. Tracy Harley  
 Wellness Practice  
**Quoting Job Ref:** 2010-02  
 Tel: 01227 789977  
 Email dtracyharley@googlemail.com

### Weekend Domestic

**Faversham**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Faversham Residential Home Require Weekend Domestic 9-2pm For further details please call 01795 532629.  
**To apply/more information:** Carnalea Residential Home

**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01795 532629  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### General Assistant - Kitchen based

**Faversham**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Faversham Residential Home Require General Assistant - Kitchen based 5-9pm (3 evenings per week on rota) For further details please call 01795 532629.  
**To apply/more information:** Carnalea Residential Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01795 532629  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Care Assistant

**Faversham**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Faversham Residential Home Require Care Assistant 35 hours on rota, experience preferred For further details please call 01795 532629.  
**To apply/more information:** Carnalea Residential Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01795 532629  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Relief Cook

**Faversham**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Faversham Residential Home Require Relief Cook For holidays and sickness cover 8.30-2.30pm For further details please call 01795 532629.  
**To apply/more information:** Carnalea Residential Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01795 532629  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Senior Carer

**Rochester**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Experienced Senior Carer required for part time duties. Sat and Sun 7.30am-5.30pm each week To work at our pleasant EMI Home. Preferably holding an NVQ 3 or working towards. Contact Toni Lawrence 01634 724113.  
**To apply/more information:** Ampersand House Residential Care Home  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01634 724113  
 Email antoinettelawrence@rockmail.com

### Community Carers

**Whitstable**  
**Salary:** £7.00 per hour  
 Community Carers From £7.00 per hour Comprehensive training, free uniform & 28 days holiday Superior Care provides care to elderly clients living in their own homes, in and around Canterbury, Herne Bay and Whitstable. Due to continuous growth, we urgently require new candidates to join our team. Experience is not essential; a full induction and training will be provided. Successful candidates will offer a caring and compassionate demeanour, and be flexible in their working hours. In return, we will offer competitive rates of pay, the opportunity to join a close knit team, and various benefits such as paid holiday and ongoing training. Full time hours or evening/weekend top-up work is available. For an informal discussion, please contact: Sue 01227 771122.  
**whitstable@superior-care.co.uk**  
**To apply/more information:** Superior Care  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01227 771122  
 Email whitstable@superior-care.co.uk

### Trained Nurses

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** £12.00 per hour  
 Trained Nurses From £12.00 per hour Free clinical development training, uniform & 28 days

holiday. We have an urgent requirement for trained nurses to accept ad-hoc and longer term nursing home assignments in South Kent. You must have a valid PIN registration and access to your own transport. In return, we will offer competitive rates of pay including enhanced rates for specialist placements and free clinical development training. Full time or top up shifts are currently available. For an informal discussion, please contact: Mira 01303 221666 folkestone@superior-care.co.uk  
**To apply/more information:** Superior Care  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01303 221666  
 Email folkestone@superior-care.co.uk

### Support Workers

**Folkestone**  
**Salary:** £7.20 per hour  
 Support Workers From £7.20 per hour Free training, uniform & 28 days holiday Superior Care is working with local learning disabilities and mental health organisations in around Folkestone and Ashford. We urgently require support workers to join our team. You must have support work experience and access to your own transport. In return, we will offer flexible working hours, excellent rates of pay and a choice of placements. For an informal discussion, please contact: Mira 01303 221666 folkestone@superior-care.co.uk  
**To apply/more information:** Superior Care  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01303 221666  
 Email folkestone@superior-care.co.uk

### Domestic Staff/ Care Staff

**Canterbury**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Littlebourne House Care Home A busy family run home require dedicated Domestic Staff/Care Staff and Kitchen Assistant For more information please call Amanda - 01227 721527 Mon - Fri.  
**To apply/more information:** Littlebourne House  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01227 721527  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Community Care Workers - West Kent Locality

**Kent**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Community Care Workers – West Kent Locality To support people with disabilities or the elderly, particularly those with dementia. NVQ2 preferred although we provide full training. A competitive rate of pay is offered, with enhanced rate for evenings, nights and weekends. Crisis Support Workers Experienced dementia staff needed whose duties may include crisis support. Additional on call and call out premiums apply for this post. A full current driving licence and access to a car is essential for both posts. Posts are subject to a CRB check. For application packs or further information please telephone Michaela Clack on 01732 357555. Carers FIRST is an Equal Opportunities Employer.  
**To apply/more information:** Carers First  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 357555  
 Email michaela.clack@carersfirst.org.uk

### Crisis Support Workers

**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Crisis Support Workers Experienced dementia staff needed whose duties may include crisis support. Additional on call and call out premiums

apply for this post. A full current driving licence and access to a car is essential for both posts. Posts are subject to a CRB check. For application packs or further information please telephone Michaela Clack on 01732 357555. Carers FIRST is an Equal Opportunities Employer.  
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**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 357555  
 Email michaela.clack@carersfirst.org.uk

### RGN and RMN's

**Dover**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 RGN and RMN's Applecroft Care Home LTD are currently seeking enthusiastic and motivated staff for their 75 bedded EMI/Nursing Home in River, Dover. We are looking for Nurses who have experience of working with elderly residents with Dementia. This is an exciting opportunity to use your nursing skills within a supportive and flexible team environment. Salary negotiable depending on experience with the opportunity for promotion within the company. The successful applicants must have a valid NMC PIN. For more information please contact Miss Kate Sheppard Home Manager on 01304 821 331or Email kate@abbeyhealthcare.org.uk  
**To apply/more information:** Applecroft Care Home  
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 Tel: 01304 821 331or Email kate@abbeyhealthcare.org.uk

## Print, Packaging, Distribution

### TEMPORARY DISTRIBUTORS REQUIRED

**Tonbridge**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 TEMPORARY DISTRIBUTORS REQUIRED TO DELIVER THE THOMSON LOCAL IN TUNBRIDGE WELLS, EDENBERGH, TONBRIDGE, WESTERHAM, SEVENOAKS, UCKFIELD, CROWBOROUGH, MAYFIELD, HALSTEAD AND SURROUNDING AREAS. GOOD RATES OF PAY AND FLEXIBLE WORKING HOURS YOU WILL NEED A CAR TO TRANSPORT YOUR DIRECTORIES CALL 01252 390990 www.thomsondirectories.com/distribution Text TUN to 07786 208008.  
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 Tel: 01252 390990  
 Email distribution@thomsonlocal.com

## Public Sector, Social Services

### Family Support Worker

**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** circa £25,000 p.a.  
**Closing Date:** Friday 9th July 2010  
 Spring House Family Service has recently been awarded the contract to set up Children's Centres in Sevenoaks Town and Westerham. As a result, we are now recruiting a number of new staff to join our existing team. We are looking for people who are enthusiastic and creative, excited about starting new projects, and are able to work in partnership with other agencies. Above all, we want to recruit people who are able to engage with children under five and be able to offer advice and support to their families. Family Support Worker Salary circa £25,000 p.a. 37 hours per week. Your role is to provide support to local families with young children. You will be working directly with the parents and their children to promote

activities that will improve the life and learning opportunities of the service users. Candidates are required to possess knowledge of child development and have the ability to work with a range of professionals in the childcare, social care, health and educational field. You will have a good standard of education, at least to GCSE level, and be able to demonstrate a level of competence equivalent to a minimum of NVQ3 in child-care, or have an accredited training in a parenting model. An application pack and further information can be obtained by either ringing 01732 465539 or emailing admin@springhouse.org.uk. Closing date: Friday 9th July 2010. Interviews are likely to take place during the week commencing Monday 19th July 2010. Spring House Family Service offers good working conditions, and a comprehensive training programme. We welcome applications from all sections of the community.  
**To apply/more information:** Spring House Family Service  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 465539  
 Email admin@springhouse.org.uk

## Retail, Wholesale, Sales

### Sales People

**Kent**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Black Tie Foods Ltd Sales People required No experience necessary. Full training and vehicle provided. Call 01732 760484.  
**To apply/more information:** Black Tie Foods Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 760484  
 Email blacktie@btconnect.com

### Mystery Shoppers

**Kent**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 Part-time Mystery Shoppers required No experience required. Must have access to email For more information, contact Louise on 07779377223  
**To apply/more information:** Retail Solutions UK Ltd  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 07779377223  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### Independent Sales Distributor

**Kent**  
**Salary:** OTE £45K PA  
 Run your own exciting bookselling business with the UK's biggest direct bookseller! OTE £45K PA We welcome applications from both men and women Join The Book People as an independent sales distributor and you'll have the best of both worlds - working as your own boss with the support and backing of an award-winning company. • We help you set up • We keep your initial outlay low • We provide full training • Ideal for husband-and-wife teams • Huge potential earnings To find out more call 0845 606 4276 or check our regularly updated information pages at www.thebookpeople.co.uk/distributors  
**To apply/more information:** Index Books Ltd  
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 Tel: 0845 606 4276  
 Email applications@jobsforkent.co.uk

### SALES EXECUTIVE

**Sevenoaks**  
**Salary:** TBA  
 SALES EXECUTIVE Sevenoaks Peugeot Required to join a strong team at this successful branch The successful applicant • Will have experience of a similar role in the industry or a

proven track record in sales • Will demonstrate the ability to delivery both profitability and a first class customer service • Have excellent interpersonal skills and a positive approach. Please telephone Sue Byrom on 01732 740740.  
**To apply/more information:** Caffyns Peugeot  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
 Tel: 01732 740740  
 Email sue.byrom@caffyns.co.uk

### Jewellers and Pawnbrokers

**Ashford**  
**Salary:** TBA  
**To apply/more information:** Pickwick Pawnbrokers  
**Quoting Job Ref:** kos  
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### Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

<b>10/01768/FUL</b> Conversion of redundant agricultural barn to holiday let and installation of sewage treatment plant in field adjacent (LB)	<b>Broadfield Gate Farm Road, Bidborough</b>
<b>10/01771/FUL</b> Conversion of redundant agricultural building, within the curtilage of a listed property, to an annexe ancillary to the house and installation of a sewage treatment plant for Mr And Mrs P Somner (LB) (PROW)	<b>Broadfield Gate Farm Road, Bidborough</b>
<b>10/01826/FUL</b> Removal of Condition 13 of TW/10/00313/FUL - Relating to the demolition of the shed (LB)	<b>The Malt House Dorothy Avenue, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst</b>
<b>10/01828/LBC</b> Listed Building Consent: Minor alterations to building to create toilets, kitchen and office on ground floor (LB)	<b>The Malt House Dorothy Avenue, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst</b>
<b>10/01849/FUL</b> Erection of timber studio/office building and open timber carport for day nursery (LB)	<b>Hartley Dyke Farm Hartley Road, Cranbrook And Sissinghurst</b>
<b>10/01409/LBC</b> Listed Building Consent - Repairs to corner sash window, brick work around window and replace two floor boards. Repair to staircase and removal of cupboard underneath. Insulation of walls around the window and stairs and other works (LB)	<b>Tattlebury Gallery Cranbrook Road, Goudhurst</b>
<b>10/01805/HOUSE</b> Proposed two storey rear and single storey side extension, loft conversion with rooflights and rear dormer and associated parking, including demolition of existing outbuilding (CA)	<b>2 Grand View North Road, Goudhurst</b>
<b>10/01644/HOUSE</b> Erection of a summer house (LB)	<b>1 Hunters Cottages Conghurst Lane, Hawkhurst</b>
<b>10/01766/FUL</b> Boundary treatment alteration to rear of properties (LB)	<b>2 &amp; 3 Castlemaine Oast, Horsmonden</b>
<b>10/01767/FUL</b> Erection of greenhouse at Unit 2; Erection of greenhouse and summerhouse at Unit 4 (LB)	<b>2 &amp; 4 Castlemaine Oast, Horsmonden</b>
<b>10/01778/LBC</b> Listed Building Consent - Minor internal alterations to the four dwellings and insertion of 3 conservation rooflights within the valley between two kiln roofs on north elevation and boiler housings serving the four dwellings (Amendment to 06/00082/LBC) (LB)	<b>Castlemaine Oast Maidstone Road, Horsmonden</b>
<b>10/01159/FUL</b> Conversion of rear yard to new retail unit, internal and external alterations (CA) (LB)	<b>17 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles &amp; St Marks</b>
<b>10/01788/LBC</b> Listed Building Consent - Conversion of rear yard to new retail unit, internal and external alterations (LB)	<b>17 Chapel Place Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles &amp; St Marks</b>
<b>10/01843/HOUSE</b> Installation of 5 conservation rooflights (CA)	<b>Flat 3 15 Guildford Road, Park</b>
<b>10/01902/FUL</b> Extension of Time: Construction of three storey rear extension to contain three one bedroom flats (TW/07/01254/FUL refers) (CA)	<b>9 Calverley Park Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park</b>
<b>10/01847/HOUSE</b> Loft conversion with dormer window and 2 no. velux rooflights (CA)	<b>4 Draper Mews Draper Street, Southborough North</b>
<b>10/01811/OUTMJ</b> Outline (Layout not reserved) - Extensions and alterations to existing hospital and provision of 48 net additional parking spaces (LB) (MAJOR)	<b>Spire Tunbridge Wells Hospital Fordcombe Road, Speldhurst</b>
<b>10/01851/LBC</b> Listed Building Consent: Installation of internal feature window at first floor level overlooking staircase (LB)	<b>The Old Rectory Langton Road, Speldhurst</b>

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website ([www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk](http://www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk)), at The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to [planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk](mailto:planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk) or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

Jim Kehoe  
 Head of Planning Services  
 Town Hall Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS  
**Dated: 19 June 2010**





HIGHWAYS - District of Ashford

**PILGRIMS WAY, BRABOURNE**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of the installation of a new water main, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on Pilgrims Way, Brabourne on or after 21 June 2010 for an estimated period of 4 weeks or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between the junctions of Weekes Lane and New Barn Hill. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Weekes Lane, Green Lane and Bulttown Lane.

**APPLEDORE LEVEL CROSSING**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of Track maintenance, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Station Road, Appledore at the Level Crossing.

The current works are planned for 3 nights, as detailed below:

- Monday 5 July 2010 from 11.20 pm until Tuesday 6 July at 5.20 am
- Tuesday 24 August 2010 at 11.15 pm until Wednesday 25 August at 5.15 am, and then the following night
- Wednesday 25 August 2010 at 11.15 pm until Thursday 26 August at 5.15 am

The road will be closed at at the level crossing. There will be no access for through traffic between the junctions of The Street and Arrowhead Lane.

The suggested alternative route is via B2080 Station Road, The Street, Kenardington Road, Appledore Road, B2067 Warehorne Road, Marsh Road, A2070 Ashford Road, B2080 Rhee Wall, Rhee Wall Road and Station Road.

This Order remains in force for up to 18 months and can be re-implemented if required for works of a similar nature.

HIGHWAYS - District of Canterbury

**BANK STREET, HERNE BAY**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of sewer connection works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bank Street, Herne Bay on or after 21 June 2010 for an estimated period of 3 weeks or until the works are complete.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Mortimer Street and High Street. The alternative route is via Mortimer Street, North Street and High Street.

The One-way Traffic Order in respect of Bank Street will be suspended to allow access.

**THE STREET, BARHAM**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of works to rebuild the bridge at the junction of The Street and Valley Road, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on The Street, Barham from 05 July 2010 for 10 weeks.

The road will be closed at the junction with Valley Road for a distance of approximately 10 metres past the bridge.

The suggested alternative route is westbound via Valley Road, Brookfield Road, Gravel Castle Road and The Street; eastbound via Valley Road, Derrington Hill, Derrington Downs, Rabbit Hole, Church Lane and The Street

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Dartford

**BOB DUNN WAY, DARTFORD**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst an event is being held on the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by Dartford Toll bound vehicular traffic on A206 Bob Dunn Way, Dartford from the roundabout at Thames Road to the A282 roundabout.

The Order will become effective on 21st June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the event is planned to take place 27th June 2010 and last approx 4.5 hours between 06.00 -10.30. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via: Burnham Road, Victoria Road, Hythe Street, Home Gardens, East Hill, Park Road, Princes Road and A282 Canterbury Way. The purpose of the closure is to facilitate the Bridge Triathlon.

**VARIOUS ROADS, DARTFORD**  
**(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)**  
**(CONSOLIDATION) (AMENDMENT NO 3) ORDER 2010**

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council has made the above named Order under sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), and 124 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Paragraph 20 of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The effect of the Order introduces no waiting at any time (double yellow lines) places at the junction of Birchwood Drive and Birchwood Parade.

The Order was sealed on 14 June 2010 and will come into force 21 June 2010.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Borough Council Offices, Civic Centre, Home Gardens, Dartford, DA1 1DR during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made there under have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

HIGHWAYS - District of Dover

**HILLSIDE ROAD, DOVER**  
**(PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of the closure of Coombe Valley Road, Dover for gas mains replacement, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting waiting on Hillside Road, Dover from 28 June 2010 for up to 11 weeks or until the works are completed.

The Order affects the south side of Hillside Road between No.1 Hillside Road & No. 48 Bunkers Hill Road. The effect of the Order is to prohibit waiting between the hours of 8.00 am and 4.00 pm.

These restrictions have been introduced for the safety of the public whilst this road is used as a diversion route because Coombe Valley Road is closed.

**VARIOUS ROADS, DOVER**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Various Roads, Dover from 5 July 2010 for 6 weeks or until the works are completed.

The extent of the roads affected and the dates are as shown below.

**Road name:** **Waldershare Road, Sutton**  
**Extent:** From Gaggis Hill for approximately 200 metres to the 30 mph speed limit  
**Dates:** From 7 July 2010 for 3 days  
**Alternative route:** Via Chapel Lane, Roman Road and Little America

**Road name:** **Mill Lane, Nonington**  
**Extent:** From Mill Top to Sandwiche Road  
**Dates:** From 14 July 2010 for 3 days  
**Alternative route:** Via Mill Top, Grannies Lane and Sandwiche Road

**Road name:** **Knell Lane, Ash**  
**Extent:** From A257 Ash Bypass to Richborough Road  
**Dates:** From 19 July 2010 for 5 days  
**Alternative route:** Via A257 Ash Bypass, Cop Street Road and Richborough Road

**Road name:** **Nelson Park Road, St Margaret's At Cliffe**  
**Extent:** At the junction of Station Road  
**Dates:** From 26 July 2010 for 2 days  
**Alternative route:** Alternative route via Station Road, Hardy Road and Seymour Road

**Road name:** **Richborough Road, Ash**  
**Extent:** From Cop Street to Cooper Street Drive  
**Dates:** From 2 August 2010 for 3 days  
**Alternative route:** Via Cop Street, A257 Ash Bypass, Hills Court Road, Cooper Street Drive

**Road name:** **Richborough Road, Richborough**  
**Extent:** From Cooper Street Drive to Richborough Farm  
**Dates:** From 5 August 2010 for 2 days  
**Alternative route:** Via Richborough Road, Sandwich, Ash Road, Sandwich, A257 Ash Bypass, Hills Court Road, Cooper Street Drive

**Road name:** **Station Road, Goodnestone**  
**Extent:** From Goodnestone Road to Short Street  
**Dates:** From 12 August 2010 for 2 days  
**Alternative route:** Via Short Street and Goodnestone Road

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Gravesham

**WHITEHILL ROAD, MEOPHAM**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use of vehicular traffic on Whitehill Road, Meopham from Harvel Lane to outside The Old Police House.

The Order will become effective on 21st June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the above restriction will be via:  
**Northbound:** Harvel Lane, Harvel Road, A227 Gravesend Road, A227 Wrotham Road, The Street and Whitehill Road.  
**Southbound:** Priestwood Road, Chandlers Road, Dean Lane and Harvel Street.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate permanent carriageway repairs.

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Maidstone

**MARSHAM STREET, MAIDSTONE**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Marsham Street on or after Saturday 26th June 2010 for a period of up to 2 days or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is westbound traffic via Queen Anne Road, Union Street, Wyatt Street and eastbound traffic via Wyatt Street, Union Street, Albion Place, Andrew Broughton Way, A20 Ashford Road, King Street, Queen Anne Road.

South East Water Ltd apologise for any inconvenience caused by these essential works, which are necessary to provide a new service. Should you require any further information regarding these works, the contact is Amelia Faulkin on 01634 873084.

HIGHWAYS - District of Sevenoaks

**BIRCHIN CROSS ROAD, SHOREHAM**  
**(TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2009**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that owing to the likelihood of danger to the public whilst works are carried out on or near the highway the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by vehicular traffic on Birchin Cross Road, Shoreham between its junctions with Row Dow and Bower Lane.

The Order will become effective on 21st June 2010, will be in operation and remain valid for a maximum period of 18 months; the works are planned to last 1 day. These restrictions will be effective when the appropriate signage is in place.

The alternative route for the restriction above will be via: Goodbury Road, Cotmans Ash Lane, Pilgrims Way East and Row Dow.

The purpose of the closure is to facilitate BT works.

HIGHWAYS - District of Shepway

**B2067 ALDINGTON ROAD, LYMPNE**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because of footbridge replacement works, the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting traffic on B2067 Aldington Road, Lympne, on or after 21 June 2010 for an estimated period 1 night, between the hours of 7.00 pm and 7.00 am.

The road will be closed outside Port Lympne Wild Animal Park. There is no access for through traffic between the junctions of Otterpool Lane and Harringe Lane. The alternative route for through traffic will be via Aldington Road, Lympne Hill, West Hythe Road, Lower Wall Road, Knoll Hill, Roman Road and Aldington Road.

For further information, please contact  
Kent Highway Services, on 08458 247 800  
(local rate) or visit [www.kent.gov.uk/highways](http://www.kent.gov.uk/highways)

HIGHWAYS - District of Swale

**HOPE STREET, SHEERNESS**  
**(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is given that because of Gas mains replacement the Kent County Council intends to make an order prohibiting traffic on Hope Street, Sheerness from 5 July 2010 for up to 7 weeks or until the works are completed.

The road will be closed at between the junctions with High Street and Millenium Way.

The suggested alternative route is via High Street and Millenium Way

HIGHWAYS - Borough of Tonbridge & Malling

**STANFORD LANE, HADLOW**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Stanford Lane from the junction of A26 Maidstone Road for approximately 100m on or after Monday 21st June 2010 for a period of up to 2 weeks or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via A26 Maidstone Road, Court Lane, Bells Farm Road, Stanford Lane.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for drainage works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Jamie Finch on 08458 247 800.

**LEYBOURNE WAY, LARKFIELD**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) (SUSPENSION OF ENVIRONMENTAL WEIGHT RESTRICTION) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Leybourne Way between the entrance and exit points of Tesco on or after Sunday 11th July 2010 for a period of up to 1 night after 17:00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via New Hythe Lane, A20 London Road, Lunsford Lane, Gighill Road. The Environmental Weight Limit Restriction on New Hythe Lane and Lunsford Lane will be suspended during the works.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.

**KINGFISHER ROAD, LARKFIELD**  
**(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2010**  
**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED**  
**BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS)**  
**ACT 1991**

Notice is hereby given that because works are proposed to be carried out on or near a road the Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting the use by through traffic on Kingfisher Road between Raven Close and New Hythe Lane on or after Tuesday 6th July 2010 for a period of up to 4 nights between 19:00hrs and 02:00hrs or until such works are completed.

The alternative route is via New Hythe Lane, A20 London Road, Lunsford Lane, Kingfisher Road.

Kent Highway Services apologise for any inconvenience caused by these works, which are necessary for essential carriageway resurfacing works. Should you require any further information the Kent Highway Services contact is Robert Seggie on 08458 247 800.



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## Lexus and Jaguar land top honours in leading survey

By **STEVE LOADER**

LEXUS has notched a 10th consecutive year as the most satisfying brand to own, according to the influential JD Power/What Car? magazine survey.

But if the Japanese badge – Toyota's premium arm – has to be praised for consistency in the survey, Britain's own Jaguar deserves credit for the best comeback.

Reliability and grumpy customers plagued the leaping cat brand for years, but a spell under Ford ownership and now India's TATA conglomerate has yielded big quality and reliability advances, now capitalised upon with fresh new designs.

As a result, Jaguar showed the strongest year-on-year improvement and high ratings from owners in vehicle appeal and service satisfaction, with the Jaguar XF also ranked high in the best models' league.

But consistency counts and Lexus is unrivalled here, underlining its superiority with a big customer satisfaction score of 846 points from a potential 1,000.



The rest of the top five was: 2 Honda (825), 3 Jaguar (818), 4 Mercedes-Benz (817) and 5 Toyota (814) – the last being in sharp contrast with Toyota's much reported problems with sticky throttle controls and some model recalls.

The average score for the industry was 789 with the worst brands being Vauxhall (768), Peugeot (764), Suzuki (763) Fiat (761) and, propping up the table, Chevrolet (742).

The Lexus RX SUV (sport utility vehicle, main picture), was runaway winner of the model survey with 867 points out of 1,000; its next nearest rivals were the Jag XF (executive/luxury sector, right) and another Lexus, the IS (compact executive) with 839.



Other sectors and stars were:

- City – 1 Toyota Aygo (807), 2 Fiat Panda (804) and 3 Smart ForTwo (802)
- Small – 1 Honda Jazz (831, left), 2 Toyota Yaris (831) and 3 Mazda2 (811)
- Lower medium – 1 Kia Ceed (838), BMW 1-Series (824) and Skoda Octavia (824)
- Upper medium – 1 Honda Accord (837), 2 Toyota Prius (834) and Volvo S40 (824)
- Compact exec – 2 Mercedes-Benz (823) and 3 Audi A5 (817)
- Exec/luxury – 2 Audi A6 (827) and 3 Mercedes-Benz E-Class (822)
- Sports – 1 Mazda MX-5 (823), 2

Mercedes-Benz SLK (820) and 3 VW Eos (813)

- MPV – 1 Mercedes-Benz B-Class (814), 2 Citroën C4 Grand Picasso (809) and 3 Toyota Corolla Verso (807)
- SUV – 2 Honda CR-V (827) and 3 Toyota RAV4 (823).

While lauding the result for Lexus and its cars, What Car? editor Steve Fowler showed understandable nationalist pride in the Jaguar result.

"It's a fantastic performance from Jaguar and great news for the brand," he said.

"It's also great to hear the XF, our Car of the Year in 2008, has gone on to please owners enough to make it the top car in its class."



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# FIRST GEAR

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## New chassis/power combo to accelerate Insignia sales

VAUXHALL reckons its new Insignia company car star has actually made big inroads into the private sector.

Citing premium design and a model choice including all-wheel-drive, Vauxhall believes 35 per cent of the overall sales of 55,000 sold in 18 months have been made to retail rather than fleet buyers – a 16 per cent improvement over the car's Vectra predecessor.

And more than 60 per cent of Insignias sold now are upper-trim SRi, SE and Elite versions, supporting Vauxhall's claim the car is now seen as a viable alternative

to established premium rivals in the mid-size sector, albeit at a lower price point.

To further boost the Insignia's competitive position, Vauxhall has now combined the Insignia's Adaptive 4x4 system – previously only available with the 2.0 and 2.8-litre petrol engines – with the 2.0-litre 160PS (157bhp) CDTi diesel.

Due here in September, this new Insignia option should give Audi's quattro models a serious challenge.

• See also our road test for the Vauxhall Insignia VXR later in this section.



## Giulietta joins Alfa's celebrations



FEW affordable car marques have the heritage and desirability of Alfa Romeo, which is celebrating its centenary this year.

It hasn't been a smooth road though; there have been terrible reliability and quality issues over the years.

But the brand has fought back and lived to mark its 100 years in some style with cult cars at both ends of the range, from the stunning 8C Competizione supercar down to the lavishly sculpted MiTo supermini.

And another eye-catcher arrives next month – this silky looking Ford Focus class Giulietta five-door. It starts at £16,995 and revives a charismatic name from the Alfa history books. Three petrol engines and two diesels will be offered, with the turbocharged 235bhp 1,750cc Cloverleaf model as performance flagship and costing £24,495.

## Peugeot release birthday specials

PEUGEOT is marking its 200th anniversary with the launch of a range of special editions called Milleim 200.

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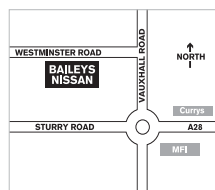
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# Saab deals it way back to the fore

by  
**STEVELOADER**

IT WAS touch-and-go earlier in 2010 whether Saab would survive closure plans by former owner General Motors.

Now, after rebirth in partnership with Dutch supercar manufacturer Spyker Cars, the famous Swedish brand and its dealers are keen on a rapid revival.

So it's hardly surprising that Whitmores Saab at Chislehurst has launched a keenly-priced contract hire package targeting business and personal customers.

For just £279 a month excluding VAT, a customer can drive away in a new Saab 9-3 Turbo Edition 1.9TiD Saloon or, for £299, a new Saab 9-3 Convertible 1.9TiD Linear SE.

Whitmores' sales director Michael Low said: "These offers mean that our customers in Kent can experience some of Saab's most premium vehicles for much less than they might expect. "Both 9-3 models come highly specified, including heated leather front seats and a 150w seven-speaker single CD player, and deliver Saab's renowned turbocharged performance."

Such tempting deals are also a curtain-raiser for Saab's big news this year – the all-new 9-5 executive flagship arriving in July.

Though it naturally includes underpinnings from the Vauxhall/Opel Insignia produced by erstwhile partner GM, Saab claims as much as 70 per cent of the new car is all its own work and distinctive in the great Saab tradition.

It is by adding this 'Saab-ness' that it hopes to recapture loyal customers who deserted the brand after such distinction

**ALL GO:** Success of Saab revival rests upon the new 9-5 saloon – out in July while one Kent dealer is offering tempting contract hire deals on 9-3 Convertible, pictured



was watered down under GM ownership.

The new car is priced from £26,495 with a generous standard spec and hi-tech features on offer including aircraft-style head-up information display on the front screen, adaptive lighting and cruise control, adaptive chassis, keyless entry and starting, dual-zone air con, dynamic parking assistance, and all-wheel drive.

Just as eagerly awaited will be the follow-up estate or SportWagon – the load-lugger in the outgoing 9-5 line-up was a surprise hit and popular rival to German models like the Audi A6 Avant and Mercedes E-Class Estate.

The saloon will make its debut first though, offering an all-turbo powertrain starting with a 1.6 litre petrol unit – Saab pioneered car tur-

bocharging, remember, back in the 1970s.

Saab boss Jan Åke Jonsson said: "This car is the start of a new era for our brand."

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# Vauxhall VXR 'transformer' is well-grounded extrovert



HERE'S a boy racer car for grown-ups – the Vauxhall Insignia VXR.

It completely looks the part with an aggressive front end and deep vents that suggest one of those Transformer robots so popular with the kids.

This cybernetic motor also sits 10mm lower than a standard Insignia and on big skeletal black and silver alloys that look as though they should be pounding an alien road in another star system, while big chrome exhausts suggest massive amounts of intergalactic thrust.

And yet this Insignia starship has all the down-to-earth inner space and practicality of ordinary sister models – a well-grounded everyday machine and a first for the VXR sub-branding.

However, the turbocharged 2.8-litre V6 engine's thirst does mar favourable first impressions and the 268g/km of CO2 dumps the car in the highest road tax bracket, incurring £950 in the first year and £435 thereafter.

It means that curtain-twitchers in your street may think you have been 'transformed' into a dangerous anti-environmentalist who drives a car apparently designed for Judge Dredd.

As always at the performance end of the market, the VXR's official combined or 'average' fuel consumption is far south of reality; it is given as 24.7mpg, but driving the VXR as it

## DrivingReview



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## Vauxhall Insignia VXR

urges you to will crush that figure beneath those brutal alloys.

It accelerates from 0-62mph in 5.6 seconds and puts its 325PS (322bhp) down cleanly thanks to the all-wheel drive (AWD) layout, which eliminates the wheel-wrenching power struggle that would ensue from applying such grunt through the normal Insignia front-wheel drive format.

The well-balanced AWD layout also allows this big car to be chucked around while

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remaining passenger-friendly, despite those big low-profile wheels, though steering feedback could do with weighting up at higher speeds.

If you try to do this by selecting the two sportier chassis/engine/steering settings then it comes at the cost of more unruly behaviour, so Vauxhall engineers may fiddle with the software on that front.

But the VXR sounds right; there is a pleasing growl from the engine at rest and when charging up through the gears, but it is not intrusive when cruising the motorway.

And the VXR is a lot of car for the money; our hatchback test car has an official list price of £33,125 though the upgrade from 19 to 20-inch alloys, sat nav, leather pack, parking sensors and Bluetooth connectivity takes the damage to £37,310.

That is still cheap against German premium rivals and, even better, the VXR can be had for a lot less than £37,000 in the real world – around £7,000 less if you shop around and that is a bargain.

Okay, the Vauxhall will not hold its money like a German premium rival – I can hear streetwise used car buyers stirring out there – but it looks stunning inside and out.

The alloy-effect cabin detailing can look brash in places, but everything is well arranged and feels durable and I notched a journey of several hundred miles to prove the comfort of the shaped Recaro racing seats.

Rear space is good and, allied with the VXR's everyday practicality, means any not-so-young boy racer could tell 'er indoors "it really is a family motor" even if the Transformer exterior trimming suggests otherwise.

Indeed, the VXR is not only available in the hatchback format tested here but also as a saloon and Sports Tourer (estate); the latter cannot quite ape the exceptional cramming space of the hearse-like Vectra estate it replaced, but looks a whole lot smarter and is nearly as useful.



## DrivingPortfolio

### VAUXHALL INSIGNIA VXR HATCH £33,125

Driving appeal	★★★★★
Image	★★★★★
Space	★★★★★
Value	★★★★★
Running costs	★
Reliability	★★★★★
How green?	★
Road tax	£435/year (£950 year one)
Best rival	Audi S4

## TheVerdict



### DON'T LIKE:

high fuel consumption and road tax



### NOT SURE:

the VXR treatment will overcome snobbery against mainstream Vauxhall badge



### REALLY LIKE:

the VXR's mixture of visual attitude and everyday practicality

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## Quality used cars

Fabia						Roomster					
MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	MILES	COLOUR	PRICE	MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	PRICE
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GF56DXL	SEPTEMBER '06	10056	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£5,690.00	FABIA LEVEL 3 5DR ESTATE	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GL08XRA	JUNE '08	£13,324
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDI (DIESEL)	CNS53DVO	NOVEMBER '05	32167	BLACK MAGIC	£4,990.00	FABIA CLASSIC 5DR ESTATE	1.4 MPI 68 BHP (PETROL)	CK52JZD	JANUARY '03	£5,175
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.9 SDI 68 BHP (DIESEL)	CNS1BRJ	DECEMBER '01	62588	BLACK MAGIC	£3,790.00	FABIA CLASSIC 5DR ESTATE	1.9 SDI 68 BHP (DIESEL)	EO52OBH	NOVEMBER '02	£6,769
FABIA CLASSIC 5DR HATCH	1.9 SDI 68 BHP (DIESEL)	AF52LSJ	OCTOBER '02	75464	DARK BLUE	£3,490.00	FABIA BOHEMIA ESTATE	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	CK56VDO	SEPTEMBER '06	£17,891
FABIA COMFORT 5DR HATCH	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	W938XKL	MARCH '00	88964	DIAMOND SILVER	£1,990.00	FABIA GREENLINE ESTATE	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ09NLO	MARCH '09	£16,799
FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	CK07WRX	MARCH '07	20244	TANGERINE ORANGE	£6,290.00					
FABIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GF07JZX	APRIL '07	29730	SATIN GREY	£6,490.00					
FABIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	1.4 16v 100 BHP (PETROL)	X128OVV	JANUARY '01	26251	BLACK MAGIC	£3,490.00					
FABIA BLUELINE 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	CK03KVH	JULY '03	57168	ADMIRAL BLUE	£3,990.00					
FABIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	GF56UZR	DECEMBER '06	18530	BLACK MAGIC	£6,490.00					
FABIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 64 BHP (PETROL)	CK07WRJ	MARCH '07	26251	FLAMENCO RED	£6,390.00					
FABIA VRS 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 130 BHP (DIESEL)	PJ05SZL	MAY '05	96760	BLACK MAGIC	£5,490.00					
FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GD07CCO	JULY '07	15244	DYNAMIC BLUE	£6,490.00					
FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GJ57WBZ	SEPTEMBER '07	25735	CORRIDA RED	£5,990.00					
FABIA LEVEL 1 5DR HATCH	1.2 6v 60 BHP (PETROL)	GF57HLE	OCTOBER '07	24120	DYNAMIC BLUE	£5,990.00					
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.2 12v 70 BHP (PETROL)	GL08XRG	JUNE '08	16770	CORRIDA RED	£8,490.00					
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.6 16v AUTO (PETROL)	GL09ARZ	JUNE '09	TBA	ARCTIC GREEN	£9,290.00					
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR HATCH	1.4 TDI 80 BHP (DIESEL)	GD07CDX	JULY '07	12469	FLAMENCO RED	£7,490.00					
FABIA LEVEL 3 5DR HATCH	1.6 16v 105 BHP (PETROL)	GL07TVM	JULY '07	26224	BLACK MAGIC	£7,990.00					
FABIA LEVEL 2 5DR ESTATE	1.2 12v 70 BHP (PETROL)	GK10YIF	MARCH '10	TBA	ROSSO BRUNELLO	£9,490.00					
Octavia						Roomster SE 5DR MPV					
MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	MILES	COLOUR	PRICE	MODEL	ENGINE	REG	YEAR	PRICE
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.6 FSI 105 BHP (PETROL)	GF54YBZ	NOVEMBER '04	36963	NATURE GREEN	£5,490.00	ROOMSTER LEVEL 2 5DR MPV	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GL56XJZ	FEBRUARY '07	£60,187
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GJ56DFV	SEPTEMBER '06	37320	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£8,490.00	ROOMSTER SE 5DR MPV	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJB	MARCH '10	£11,490.00
OCTAVIA AMBIENTE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GD07LNP	AUGUST '07	14114	ISLAND GREEN	£9,990.00					
OCTAVIA SE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK59ZKD	SEPTEMBER '09	23499	AQUA BLUE	£12,990.00					
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSI 150 BHP (PETROL)	GK56VEH	SEPTEMBER '06	41095	CAPPUCCINO BEIGE	£7,490.00					
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	1.6 FSI 105 BHP (PETROL)	GK58NNE	SEPTEMBER '08	14458	FLAMENCO RED	£9,990.00					
OCTAVIA ELEGANCE 5DR HATCH	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GF07JZW	MAY '07	41024	ISLAND GREEN	£9,690.00					
OCTAVIA SPORT 5DR HATCH	2.0 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK56VDC	SEPTEMBER '06	23499	CORRIDA RED	£10,490.00					
OCTAVIA VRS 5DR HATCH	2.0 FSI 200 BHP (PETROL)	GJ56ZZX	OCTOBER '06	34420	BLACK MAGIC	£9,990.00					
OCTAVIA 5DR ESTATE	1.9 TDI 105 BHP (DIESEL)	GK10YJW	MARCH '10	TBA	BRIGHT SILVER	£13,290.00					
OCTAVIA SE 5DR ESTATE	1.4 TSI 122 BHP (PETROL)	GK59ZKN	SEPTEMBER '09	TBA	ARCTIC GREEN	£11,990.00					

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Motability



ALFA ROMEO

**159**, 1.9 JTDm 16v, 2008, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**159**, 1.9 JTDm 16v, 2008, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**159**, 1.9 JTDm 16v, 2008, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 27951 miles, £12000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**GT**, Jdtm 16v Blackline, gj57fhm, black, 94000 miles, £8999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

AUDI

**A2**, FSI Sport, 2003, metallic -dolphin grey, 39982 miles, £6999, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**A2**, 1.4 SE, 2001, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**A2**, FSI Sport, 2003, metallic -dolphin grey, 39982 miles, £6999, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**A2**, FSI Sport, 2003, metallic -dolphin grey, 39982 miles, £6999, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**A2**, 1.4 SE, 2001, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**A2**, 1.4 SE, 2001, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**A3**, 2.0 TDI SPORT 5DR, 2006, blue, 55811 miles, £10990, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**A3**, TDI, 2004, blue, 107000 miles, £6800, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**A3**, FSI Sport Tip Auto, 2006, blue metallic, 32000 miles, £12000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**A3**, 2.0 TDI 170 QUATTRO, 2007, meteor grey, 23009 miles, £15000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**A3**, T FSI Sport S Tronic, 2007, grey, 12313 miles, £14500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

BMW

**1 SERIES**, 116i SE 5dr, 5sh5wzo, gold, 48000 miles, £7999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 118i ES CONV, yl08yre, black, 18125 miles, £17992, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 116i SE 5dr, 25619188, aluminium silver, 63288 miles, £9997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 116i ES 5dr, sf56vbd, aluminium silver, 27518 miles, £9997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 116i ES 5dr, v99dab, red, 23600 miles, £10994, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 116i ES 5dr, dv57ovd, black, 16000 miles, £11997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, SE, 2007, red metallic, 15000 miles, £11500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**1 SERIES**, 116 ES, 2006, red metallic, 22000 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 318i SE, 2004, green, 63150 miles, £6650, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 320i SE, 2006, silver, 31536 miles, £11250, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 318 SE, 2004, green metallic, £9000 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, SE, 2000, metallic blue, 80400 miles, £3500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 320D SE, 2006, silver, 42000 miles, £4500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 325 SE, 2001, silver, 88100 miles, £4500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, SE, 2002, purple, 55100 miles, £6000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 325 SE, 2001, silver, 88100 miles, £4500, Tunbridge Wells, 08448 759297 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 320D SE, 2006, silver, 42000 miles, £14000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, SE, 2002, purple, 55100 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 325 SE, 2001, silver, 88100 miles, £4500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**3 SERIES**, 316 ES, 2004, silver metallic, 36000 miles, £6977, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 525i SE AUTO E60, Id56uhw, blue, 51385 miles, £15997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 535d M SPORT SAT NAV, grey, 0 miles, £17997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 540ise auto, 2005, black metallic with beige cloth, 56000 miles, £11950, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520d se manual, 2006, silver metallic with grey dakota leather, 131000 miles, £9850, Kent, 01795426700 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520d M Sport AUTO E60, grey, 66969 miles, £17997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520d M Sport E60, black, 39258 miles, £15997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520d M Sport E60, . black, 0 miles, £13997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 530d M Sport AUTO SAT NAV E60, le mans blue, 36469 miles, £22997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 525i Sport AUTO SAT NAV, black, 39808 miles, £13997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 525d M Sport AUTO, aluminium silver, 66899 miles, £15997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520d SE E60, bk07zh, aluminium silver, 61578 miles, £12997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 530d SE AUTO SAT NAV E60, grey, 71695 miles, £11997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 520d SE E60, aj07mkz, aluminium silver, 0 miles, £10997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**5 SERIES**, 525d SE E60, sp07urv, grey, 67448 miles, £13997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M3**, M3 CONV, dc06cgv, grey, 62963 miles, £18349, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M3**, M3 CONV, ls05kvr, blue, 46310 miles, £18997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M3**, M3 CONV, nl53dlx, yellow, 44635 miles, £16997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M3**, M3 Smg SAT NAV & TV, yf56wrg, imola red, 59702 miles, £23997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M3**, M3 Smg CONV, fe55zpl, black, 38680 miles, £20997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M5**, M5 AUTO SAT NAV, pn05dtz, black, 70957 miles, £24000, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**M5**, M5 SAT NAV AUTO, bj06zxd, grey, 25832 miles, £26997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**X3**, 2.0d SE, st54ctv, black, 72450 miles, £11997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**X3**, 2.0d SE, sv07ywf, blue, 31286 miles, £15997, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

**X3**, 2.0d SE, 25678188, black, 74191 miles, £14994, Wrotham Heath, 01732 220555 (TRADE)

CHEVROLET

**AVERO**, Lt 5dr, fh09ckd, black, 2000 miles, £8495, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**AVERO**, Lt 5dr, ls58dyt, aluminium silver, 999 miles, £7995, Bexleyheath, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**AVERO**, LT, 2008, black, 20523 miles, £5495, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**AVERO**, LT, 2008, black, 20523 miles, £5495, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**AVERO**, LT, 2008, black, 20523 miles, £5495, Ashford, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**AVERO**, LT, 2008, black, 20523 miles, £5495, Ashford, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, SX, 2005, silver, 48000 miles, £3000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.4 SX, 2007, silver, 23102 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.2 SE, 2007, blue, 6693 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, SX, 2005, silver, 48000 miles, £3000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.2 SE, 2007, blue, 6693 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.4 SX, 2007, silver, 23102 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, SX, 2005, silver, 48000 miles, £3000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.2 SE, 2007, blue, 6693 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, 1.4 SX, 2007, silver, 23102 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, SX 5dr, gk07ztj, black, 20000 miles, £5495, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**KALOS**, SX 5dr, lv55bxd, aluminium silver, 18000 miles, £3999, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 5dr, nl07ohk, black, 17000 miles, £5995, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 5dr, de56dxt, aluminium silver, 17000 miles, £5495, Welling, 0208 303 4030 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 5dr, ex09hkd, aluminium silver, 900 miles, £7995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX, bk09zko, aluminium silver, 3000 miles, £7995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 5dr, la08agu, black, 6000 miles, £6995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX, bj58hlu, black, 9000 miles, £7495, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 5dr, ex08gxu, green, 5000 miles, £6995, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, SX 5dr, ys56fzo, aluminium silver, 15000 miles, £5495, Bexleyheath, 01322 524 680 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, 1.4 SE, 2007, blue, 13232 miles, £5000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, 1.4 SE, 2007, blue, 13232 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**LACETTI**, 1.4 SE, 2007, blue, 13232 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SE, 2008, blue, 36322 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SE, 2008, blue, 36322 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SE, 2007, silver metallic, 27000 miles, £5000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SE, 2007, blue metallic, 6000 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, 0.8, 2007, teal blue, 25325 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, 0.8, 2007, teal blue, 25325 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**MATIZ**, SE, 2007, silver metallic, 27000 miles, £5000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

CITROEN

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Desire 16v, sky blue met, 82000 miles, £3499, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Xtr HDI, la56 urf, grey, 53600 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Forte 16v, nt56 guw, blue, 25900 miles, £5995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Forte 16v, wI07 ehx, blue, 11800 miles, £6495, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, 1.6HDI Refrigerated Chiller / Freezer, aaaaaa, white, 15 miles, £9995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Jiffy Hot & Cold Catering Truck, fn04zv, white, 0 miles, £8995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, 600 LX HDI Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, kr07xhw, white, 27000 miles, £7595, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, Multispace Forte 16v, kn05 jww, blue, 14000 miles, £4995, Plumstead, 020 8855 4000 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, 3. sm08hgp, scarlett red, miles, £6995, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**C1**, 3, gj57hrd, red, 23000 miles, £5495, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**C1**, 3, gu57kdk, scarlett red, miles, £5995, Ashford, 01233 640100 (TRADE)

**C1**, Vibe, 2008, red metallic, 14500 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 50 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, silver, 50 miles, £10990, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, black, 50 miles, £10980, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, Rhythm, 2007, blue metallic, 5000 miles, £6500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.0i VTR, 2009, red, 6011 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.0i Vibe, 2006, caldera black, 44419 miles, £5500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11100, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, grey, 6978 miles, £11200, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**C1**, Vibe, 2008, red metallic, 14500 miles, £5500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.0i VTR, 2009, red, 6011 miles, £7000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, Rhythm, 2007, blue metallic, 5000 miles, £6500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11100, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, grey, 6978 miles, £11200, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, Vibe, 2008, red metallic, 14500 miles, £5500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 50 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, grey, 6978 miles, £11200, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**C1**, 1.4, 2008, red, 55 miles, £11000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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**BERLINGO**, 1.6 MULTISPACE DESIRE, 2007, blue, 14986 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, 1.6 DESIRE, 2007, blue, 17398 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**BERLINGO**, HDI VTR, 2009, gold metallic, 4000 miles, £10495, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)



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**C-MAX**, 5, ys57yfo, tango red, 27000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 5, cp57puk, ocean blue, 14000 miles, £8000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 5, yyo7xed, vision blue, 26000 miles, £7999, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0TDCI TITANIUM 5DR, ef09yba, silver, 14869 miles, £14995, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6 ZETEC 5DR, nv07bvc, black, 28608 miles, £8495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0 ZETEC 5DR AUTO NEW SHAPE, ej07vuc, blue, 21267 miles, £9495, Sittingbourne, 01795 426693 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6 STYLE 5DR, kj57nwl, silver, 19960 miles, £14900, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6 ZETEC 5DR, gf10apk, grey, 1000 miles, £12990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.8 ZETEC 5DR, ej07oal, blue, 1945 miles, £9990, Crayford, 01322 621667 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6 ZETEC 5DR-NEW SHAPE + 16ALLOYS, vn07hko, blue, 17709 miles, £8000, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 1.6 STYLE 5DR - NEW SHAPE-REDUCED IN PRICE, kj57nwg, silver, 20348 miles, £8000, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

**C-MAX**, 2.0 ZETEC 5DR AUTO - NEW SHAPE, ca07abz, silver, 10500 miles, £9000, Gravesend, 01474 537111 (TRADE)

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**FIESTA**, 1.4 TDCI, 3917182, white, 50000 miles, £4495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.4 TDCI, 3907182, white, 50000 miles, £5495, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Ghia 16v 5dr, gk54vmv, moon dust silver met, 46000 miles, £4989, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Ghia 16v, w918bfc, grey, 80000 miles, £2199, Maidstone, 01622 200 100 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, 1.25 Zetec, 2009, moon dust silver, 7500 miles, £10995, Tenterden, 01580 765011 (TRADE)

**FIESTA**, Style 1.4 Tdci, 2007, amethyst metallic with charcoal trim, 26000 miles, £5990, Strood, 01634 296688 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, ST, 2009, red metallic, 8000 miles, £20000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, ST-3, 2008, black, 10300 miles, £18000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 2.0 Titanium TDCI "Titanium Sport Pack", 2009, avdon grey, 7411 miles, £15500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, ST, 2009, grey metallic, 9000 miles, £17000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6ZETEC CLIMATE, 2007, blue, 43000 miles, £6700, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 Ghia, 2006, blue metallic, 48125 miles, £6000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, zetec tdci, 2007, grey, 39000 miles, £7500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, Zetec(Climate Pack), 2005, blue, 21746 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8 GHIA, 2002, silver, 64251 miles, £3500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 LX, 2003, silver, 50147 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8 ZETEC CLIMATE PACK, 2007, over 5000 vehicles in group s, 20871 miles, £8500, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.8 Zetec Climate, 2007, black, 32248 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 ZETEC CLIMATE, 2008, silver, 30712 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, Ghia, 2007, silver metallic, 29000 miles, £8000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, 1.6 STLE AUTO 5DR, 2007, silver, 14200 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 1.6 SPORT, 2007, sea grey, 19500 miles, £7000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, Style New Shape, 2008, silver, 8686 miles, £9400, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 2.0 ZETEC, 2002, blue, 60411 miles, £4000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, 1.6LX AUTO 5DR, 2007, seagrey, 11233 miles, £7000, Maidstone, 08448 759296 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 5, x362hgs, moon dust silver, 73000 miles, £3000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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**FOCUS**, 5, gl09otr, vision blue, 11000 miles, £9483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 5, fp08htk, ocean blue, 12000 miles, £8483, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 5, nd09lgy, panther black, 13000 miles, £9000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 5, rf07oxm, sea grey, 43000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

**FOCUS**, 5, ex07oxf, panther black, 27000 miles, £6000, Crayford, 01322 281525 (TRADE)

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**GALAXY**, TDCI LX, 2008, non standard colour, 46048 miles, £15861, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

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**ACCORD**, 2.2ESGTT/NAVIPK/181NWHEELS, 2009, nighthawk black, 7000 miles, £18500, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)

**ACCORD**, 2.2 i-CTDI EX, 2007, flint grey, 45294 miles, £11000, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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**CIVIC**, SE, 2003, cosmic grey, 32000 miles, £4500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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**CIVIC**, ES, 2007, black, 28400 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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**CIVIC**, i-VTEC SE i-SHIFT Auto, 2007, grey, 18429 miles, £11000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

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**RODEO**, Jiffy Pica Hot & Cold Catering Truck, vk54zlz, aluminium silver, 4800 miles, £11995, Sevenoaks, 01474 853034 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, 2.2 CTDI ES, 2008, red, 49121 miles, £10000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, 2.2 TYPE-S GT, 2009, bronze pearl met, 15000 miles, £14000, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, VETEC TYPE S, 2002, black, 52000 miles, £4500, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, 1.4 Inspire S, 2003, silver, 60000 miles, £5080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

**CIVIC**, 1.6 i-VTEC SE, 2005, silver, 55000 miles, £9080, Canterbury, 0844 856 4494 (TRADE)

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IF YOU still doubt how serious the recession has been, then delve into this week's Big Interview with Kings Hill business park boss Andrew Blevins. After more than 20 years in the property business, he has never seen a downturn as scary – he literally told his kids about it.



And if comments like this from the man heading one of Kent's big success stories doesn't make you put the UK's disastrous downturn into perspective, then you're probably too laid back to be in business.

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## Jobs and award double delight for design firm

By STEVE LOADER

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WEB management firm GForces has created 50 new jobs after securing a planning application to extend its offices.

On top of the full-time roles though, the enhanced building at Caring Lane, Bearsted, near Maidstone, will accommodate up to 50 work placement and work experience students from local schools and colleges.

GForces enjoyed a further lift this week after winning the Web Design category in Car Dealer magazine's Dealer Power Awards 2010.

It underlines the company's stellar rise since setting up in 1999 and it now has the go ahead for a new extension with open-plan office, meeting and training rooms, staff bistro, shower facilities, and digital media suite.

To combat a potential increase in traffic from the rise in staff numbers, the company is encouraging car-sharing and cycling via an in-house subsidised travel plan, including the Government's Cycle2Work scheme, cycle storage, dedicated car-share parking, and flexible working hours to allow



TIM SMITH: 'This award is a victory for Kent'

staff to co-ordinate travelling together.

The firm claims to have worked hard too on the environmental impact of the building, adopting comprehensive landscaping and ecological features to support wildlife.

The new-look building itself has gained a 'very good' rating by the BREEAM (BRE Environmental Assessment Method) pre-assessment team, with its natural ventilation and high levels of insulation.

GForces' MD Giles Smith said: "Following a period of close co-operation and consultation with Maidstone council, we're delighted the

planning panel has come to this decision. We can now start construction of the extension and undertake the first phase of recruitment.

"At a time when unemployment is rising across Kent, we are delighted to be in a position to create new full-time jobs."

And he pledged that the positions would be well paid and highly skilled, saying: "We want to attract the brightest and the best, so these jobs will come with competitive salaries well above the county average, helping to further stimulate the local economy."

GForces' award win came after voting by hundreds of motor dealers for the Dealer Power Awards and Car Dealer editor, James Baggott, said: "GForces specialises in stunning-looking sites which are not only user-friendly, but also generate leads for dealers."

"One respondent said: 'GForces are good for companies that want to get someone to sort it all and not worry about it – they produce good-looking and effective websites'."

GForces' commercial director Tim Smith said: "This award means a great deal to us as it is voted for entirely by the people who matter – the car dealers themselves. It highlights the quality of what we offer and the value our customers place on their relationship with GForces."

"Moreover, it's a victory for Kent – a testament to the hard work and dedication of our staff."

## Now she's even quicker



DOUBLE Olympic gold medallist Dame Kelly Holmes now has a car to reflect her pace on the track – a new Jaguar.

The Hildenborough-based runner is one of a host of stars joining the new Jaguar Academy of Sport, which aims to recognise, celebrate and inspire the very best of British sporting talent.

The post brings a new Jag to use as she promotes the academy. Dame Kelly collected the car from Lancaster Jaguar in Sevenoaks.

Sales manager Paul Varney, pictured handing the keys to Dame Kelly, said: "It's great to have Kelly as a patron helping promote the Jaguar Academy of Sport. This is a long-term commitment by Jaguar to back British sport and contribute to the creation of the next generation of sporting talent."

## Cable urged to safeguard UK's economic 'engine room'

BUSINESS leaders in Kent have formed a coalition of their own to call on the new Government to rethink plans to divert resources for economic recovery away from the South East.

Kent Invicta Chamber [Ashford, Canterbury, Maidstone, Sevenoaks, Tonbridge and Malling, and Tunbridge Wells] along with several influential members, has allied with the South East England Chamber in writing to Business Secretary Vince Cable, urging him to continue investing in the region's success as a

net contributor to the national economy.

Their call follows news of Government plans to concentrate future resources for economic development in the north of England and West Midlands and replace regional development agencies with a new system of local enterprise partnerships involving local authorities.

Jo James, chief executive of Kent Invicta Chamber, said: "The South East is a major part of the engine room of the economy as a net contributor to the Exchequer and this should be

considered by the coalition when looking at withdrawing or reducing support for the region.

"If new partnerships are to be formed to deliver services then we need to ensure the support is given directly to business and not lost in unnecessary administration."

"The new Government needs to work with businesses in the region to ensure that we remain an economically active contributor to the Exchequer."

• See Comment inside.



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## Comment

WE CAN only applaud Kent Invicta Chamber and others for buttonholing business secretary Vince Cable over diverting Treasury business funding away from Kent and the South East.

Of course, the new coalition Government has little room to manoeuvre financially as it grapples with massive UK debt. And following disastrous trust in making the financial sector the driving force of our economy, there is widespread agreement on reviving our manufacturing base – let's get back to what we always did best and start innovating, making and exporting.

Mr Cable and his team reckon this approach is best served by concentrating limited resources on reviving the old manufacturing heartland of the North and the Black Country.

But throwing money at these fallen giants has failed before and the economic axis of the UK has switched since their heyday. The modern UK looks towards Europe, as highlighted by the rapid development of the Garden of England and its neighbours close to the Continent.

So, looking beyond parochialism, surely the best way to revive the economy is to continue feeding the region that has shown resilience in first surviving the recession and now starting to emerge from it.

Business in Kent particularly, comprises mostly SMEs (small to medium enterprises) that epitomise commercial hunger, innovation, flexibility and forward-thinking – just the job for pulling the UK out of economic trouble.

Backing moribund industrial behemoths of the past might be good PR and the job numbers created will grab headlines, but we have to ask why these former powerhouses collapsed in the first place.

And it reminds of an interview I did once with someone at Lucas Industries, the Birmingham-based motor and aviation component supplier and a giant that fell to bits during the 1990s, not least because the company's increasingly flaky car lighting systems earned founder Joseph Lucas the title 'Prince of Darkness'.

My interviewee was bemoaning tough Japanese competition and I naively interpreted this as the likes of Mitsubishi and Nissan, only to be told quite firmly that it was Japan's SMEs that delivered its economic miracle through their speed and flexibility. Sounds remarkably like today's Chinese economic miracle and our own industrial revolution of earlier times.

In short, Mr Cable should be thinking small rather than big.

STEVE LOADER, BUSINESS EDITOR

## Golden Boot a shoe-in for top award

ENGLAND'S oldest family-owned shoe shop has won a national award for the fourth year running, courtesy of a UK fashion magazine.

The Golden Boot in Maidstone – famous for a six-foot high golden boot shop sign put up in the mid 19th century – received the Family Footwear Retailer of the Year Award at the Drapers Footwear Awards 2010.

The seventh generation family firm this year celebrates 220 years in business



and is led by father and son team Lawrence and Edward Martin. They handle all buying from brands including Timberland, Geox and Hugo Boss and visit trade shows in Italy and Spain in order to source specialist brands.

MD Edward Martin said: "We pride ourselves on being a highly innovative company that sticks close to its core values; quality and fashionable product with unrivalled customer service."

The judges said the Golden Boot was

an Aladdin's cave of footwear marvels and knows its customers, impresses them and compels them to return.

Rather than relying on reputation, they said the Golden Boot takes an energetic approach to buying, and handles more than 100 brands, carefully geared to the demographics of its catchment area.

They also noted how the Golden Boot catered for families and all ages.

Children are entertained by trains running on a track high up the walls, while mums and dads enjoy coffee from the in-house espresso bar.

The landmark Golden Boot sign outside the shop in Gabriel's Hill also plays its part in publicising the company.

Even the late poet laureate John Betjeman wrote: "The barber's striped pole has almost disappeared and so has the huge golden boot hanging over the shoe shop, though I know a very fine one in Maidstone."

## Browsing multiple dangers

IN FEBRUARY, Microsoft finally accepted a ruling by the European Commission that it had used its dominant position to force customers to use Internet Explorer with Windows, *writes Nick Towers*.



Nick Towers

The US software giant's decision to start fairly promoting other mainstream browsers means that, for the first time ever, millions of Windows users across Europe unaware of other browsers can now choose from many alternatives.

It's good news for web users, of course, but could pose a dilemma for businesses reliant on their website.

Instead of worrying about compatibility with just the Big Two browsers – Internet Explorer (still used by 80 per cent of surfers) and Firefox – there's now arguably a Big Five, a following pack of a dozen and then the myriad of mobile and smartphone browsers.

For businesses whose website went live before the start

of 2010, it means there's a good chance it's not ready for this new wave of browsers and, in an age when more and more business is done online, that could be costly.

So fierce is the war for custom among browsers that Internet Explorer 8 and Google Chrome have even started TV advertising to grab market share. Meanwhile, it's increasingly difficult for businesses to ensure visitors to their websites are getting the best experience of their brand, products and services.

Your website might look fine on Internet Explorer 8, but how does it look on Safari, Firefox, Google Chrome or the lesser known Sleipnir and K-Meleon?

You might think that because your server log shows only a small percentage of your Web visitors using Netscape, for example, it's not worth making minor changes to improve their experience. But it's not just Internet Explorer users who buy goods and services online. And what about Apple Mac customers? Are you willing to turn them away, too?

Even if you do decide to target your site to a particular brand of browser, you still need to contend with different versions of that browser. Web pages can look totally different between one version and the next.

Visitors could hit problems you're simply not aware of unless you try out your website using different browsers. Your site could look unprofessional, with poor alignment of images and content areas, or be unusable with visuals missing or in the wrong place.

### Bottom line

Ultimately, if a visitor has a bad user experience they'll turn to one of your competitors' sites this time; at worst, you'll lose them for good. The answer is tailoring your website for cross-browser compatibility. It might seem daunting but it's actually quite simple, if time-consuming. We regularly carry out browser testing for clients.

By ensuring you're getting your key message across to as wide a customer base as possible, you could ultimately secure extra sales and make a real difference to your bottom line. For many businesses, it's worth the effort for happy customers and better search engine rankings.

• *Nick Towers is director of digital at Sagittarius Digital, Folkestone.*

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**KOS Media's Business for Kent team report on news and views from around the county**



■ ASDA'S store at Thames Way, Gravesend, will get a multimillion-pound makeover this summer with many changes prompted by customer feedback.

New-look counters will offer a range of fresh food, including meat and poultry cooked fresh every day.

Fitting rooms in the George clothing department and the post office will also get a new look.

Store manager Chris Fawn thanked customers in advance for showing patience during the changes and promised they would "increase choice for customers, giving them even lower prices and an easier shopping experience".

Staffing is set to remain the same at the store, which opened in 1988.

■ NATIONAL fuel distributor Watson Petroleum has acquired Kent-based Nigel Collison Fuels as part of an expansion into the South East.

Lead corporate finance advice for the sale came from accountants and business advisers Baker Tilly.

Wiltshire-based Watson Petroleum was established in 1957 and now has a £600m annual turnover, 600 staff, 40 depots across the UK and a fleet of 280 tankers.

Nigel Collison Fuels was established in 1988 and expanded from Kent into East Sussex to become one of the largest independent fuel distributors in the two counties, with 17 tankers at depots in Cranbrook and Northfleet in Kent, and Lewes in East Sussex.

Mr Collison said of the sale of his business: "Watson Petroleum provides the platform to take the business forward for the long term."

"The fact the trading name will be preserved across the South East demonstrates commitment to the future of the business and we wish the new owners every success."

■ EMPLOYERS are being encouraged by the Heart of Kent Hospice to support fundraising efforts through payroll giving.

All organisations embracing payroll giving can enter the National Payroll Giving Excellence Awards this year – the deadline is in July – and the scheme also makes charity donations more tax efficient.

The hospice is urging all donors give up one small thing, such as a piece of cake each month, to help make a difference to someone less fortunate. The price of that cake can be donated through payroll giving.

This allows employees and people who receive a company/personal pension to make donations directly from their pay or pension, if they pay tax through PAYE.

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Only two per cent of UK employees are part of a payroll giving scheme, compared with 35 per cent of US employees. For more on Heart of Kent Hospice payroll giving, visit [fundraising@hokh.co.uk](mailto:fundraising@hokh.co.uk). For the National Payroll Giving Awards, click on [www.payrollgiving.co.uk](http://www.payrollgiving.co.uk).

■ A STUDENT at North West Kent College has landed a national Chartered Institute of Building management award.

The award scheme promotes best practice and rewards training and professionalism within construction site management.

Chris Webster, a construction manager for Piggott and Whitehead, received the Paul Andree Memorial award.

# Still the perfect location

INVESTMENT promotion agency Locate in Kent bucked the trend over the last year by helping a record number of firms invest in the county, *writes Steve Loader*.

The 2009-10 figures released this week showed how the organisation smoothed the way for 82 firms – an eight per cent rise on the previous year. A third were in the manufacturing, financial services and public services sectors and spread across the county.

They included small to medium-sized business such as HKD, a design specialist for museums and exhibitions, arriving from north London to a former casino in Margate; and information and communications technology company Thintech, which moved to the Innovation Centre Medway in Rochester.

Investments by national companies included Kingswood Educational Activity Centres – part of Education Travel Group – developing a 50-acre site in Ashford; and construction firm Willmott Dixon expanding and creating 75 new jobs in Dartford.

Maidstone, Ashford and Folkestone took 41 per cent of all new jobs, followed by Thames Gateway with 25 per cent.

Furthermore, 33 per cent of the investments and 50 per cent of the 1,492 jobs created in 2009-10 were in knowledge-based industries, reflecting the high quality of projects.

Sir Brandon Gough, chairman of Locate in Kent, said: "Despite the challenging global situation, Locate in Kent assisted more companies than ever. We've had a good start to 2010-11, with almost 500 jobs created in the county in just two months."

Indicating a healthy level of investor inter-

est in the county, there were also 302 projects in the pipeline at the end of the official year – 20 per cent more compared with 2008-09.

The two most common sectors among active projects were business services and manufacturing (23 per cent) and the most popular areas were the Kent side of Thames Gateway, followed closely by west Kent.

Kent continues to attract interest from international companies, with 10 foreign investors in 2009-10. France and Germany were the largest investors in terms of company numbers, with German and New Zealand-owned businesses creating most jobs. The pipeline of active projects revealed that 22 per cent of new projects are from foreign-owned companies.

Locate in Kent's performance was recently graded world class in the bi-annual benchmarking of investment promotion agencies worldwide by GDP Global.

## Sheps' award delight

KENT brewer and pub chain Shepherd Neame was named Best UK Family Business for the £25m+ turnover category at an awards event staged by Coutts Bank.

Faversham-based Sheps is Britain's oldest brewer and produces and retails its own beers – including Spitfire ale – as well as top brands under licence. It sells through 369 pubs across the South East and London, plus other retailers.

The judges were impressed by:
 

- The longevity and stewardship of the business by the Neame family;
- The ability to operate in a difficult and competitive market, and the family's ability to combine traditional values into an

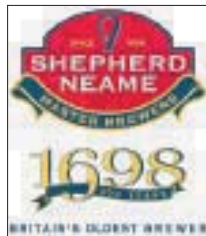
innovative business;

- The company's balanced board and its strong corporate governance;
- Well organised family governance, which provides

a clear vision, different classes of shares, an annual family meeting and a next generation programme;

- The importance placed on looking after employees via share incentive plans and their investment in training and development;
- And the amount of community and charitable activity.

Chief executive Jonathan Neame said: "We are delighted. This award testimony to the hard work and dedication by generations of employees who have shared our passion and commitment."



**JONATHAN GORDON**

■ LYDD Airport MD Jonathan Gordon has admitted to being frustrated by an additional delay to a controversial £25 million development at the site.

However, he understands that Eric Pickles, the new Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government, might need more time to give the case his full and proper consideration.

The previous government set June 11 for a ruling on allowing the plans or calling a public inquiry, but this has now been put back until June 30.

Shepway council had already approved the plans for a runway extension and a new terminal building.

Mr Gordon said: "I remain confident Mr Pickles will make the right decision. The minister said he would make devolving power to local councils his priority and that implementing a 'localist' agenda would be the most important objective for his department."

"Mr Pickles told local government leaders, councillors and officers he was determined to shift power away from central government and pass it to local people and community groups. It is about empowering citizens."

"If the minister is as good as his word, he will recognise that a decision taken by a democratically elected local authority to enable limited development at Lydd is right and proper and that he will allow our project to proceed without further delay."

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## 'My Business Week ...'

By Dean Stoner, sales manager at  
Tunbridge Wells Hyundai and Suzuki

MONDAY – changed our car display in the town's Royal Victoria shopping precinct. Space here has proved a winner for us.

People actively shopping for a car come to our showroom in Dowding Way, but this is a way to attract interest from casual buyers.



TUESDAY – closed the second of two new deals with long-term customers. One who has been with us 10 years swapped his Suzuki Grand Vitara 4x4 for a Hyundai i30 hatchback; the other has notched 15 years and swapped his Grand Vitara for a Hyundai Santa Fe to get more towing capacity.

WEDNESDAY – finalised arrangements for this coming weekend's sponsorship of Sir Henry Cooper's junior masters golf in nearby Sevenoaks. The boxing legend will be there.

THURSDAY – looks like badge snobbery is dying out; the owner of a luxury VW Touareg 4x4 has just swapped it for a new Hyundai ix35 SUV and saved lots of money.

That follows another major conquest deal: an Audi A4 Avant for a Hyundai Santa Fe.

FRIDAY – Hyundai's gone nuts on the World Cup and the latest deal is £1,000 off a new Hyundai i10 for as long as England stays in the tournament.

I'll be watching the next England game with more than my usual interest.

# Take the long view

**A**NDREW Blevins went into the property sector in 1987, but more than 20 years' experience couldn't prepare him for what the business has just endured.

"I've seen a few real estate recessions, but the last two years knocked them all into a cocked hat," he said.

"It's been deeper and more frightening and rocked the nation. Many companies have been like rabbits in the headlights. I tell my kids, 'You are actually living through a momentous period' and hope they don't see anything like it again in their lifetimes."

"The bad news is that it's still not going to be plain sailing. The good news is we're still here and I'm more optimistic than I've been for some time."

"It's also good to have got the election out of the way. It was just another reason for people to put decisions on hold."

He senses rising property confidence in London, which is good news for Kings Hill too: "We refer to Kings Hill as 'within the sphere of London' and the capital exerts a big influence on the UK's economic well-being."

"Bearing that out, we have a record number of new inquiries looking for space in and around our area. It's a brighter picture than in January."

This is sobering stuff from the head of a business park held up as an example to the sector and a flagship attraction for Kent as it battles for relocating companies and inward investment – if Kings Hill managers watched the recession with alarm, then things must have been bad.

Over the past two decades the American-owned Liberty Property Trust's UK arm has transformed the former West Malling aerodrome into what is seen as one of the largest and most successful mixed-use developments in Europe.

Set in 800 acres of landscaped parkland, it is home to international and local businesses and includes its own shopping and sports centres, schools and new homes developments with major and locally-known concerns such as Hillreed and Bellway.

But while it stands out as a pioneer and benchmark for UK business parks, it is by no means unusual in the United States, where its parent has masterminded many more using a blueprint laid down by the \$7bn company's founding father, the late Bill Rouse.

He famously challenged a restraint on high-rise building in Philadelphia, which he saw as holding back the prosperity and status of one of the USA's premier cities.

Andrew, 46, describes his mentor as a

Twenty years ago Kent County Council bought the former Battle of Britain base at West Malling. If councillors were unsure what to do with it, they had their eureka moment after meeting Bill Rouse, charismatic boss of what was to become Liberty Property Trust, responsible for the former airfield's metamorphosis into the Kings Hill business park and new town. But even this success story has had to endure the UK recession. Business editor **STEVE LOADER** spoke to self-confessed Bill Rouse disciple and Liberty's UK MD, Andrew Blevins, about scary times in the business park sector



ANDREW BLEVINS

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KINGS HILL: Liberty Square

visionary, and believes it was a meeting between Rouse and KCC chiefs that sparked the redevelopment of West Malling aerodrome.

"They went out to the USA and had their road to Damascus moment after seeing Rouse's developments there."

Rouse died in 2003 but his memory and vision are marked an annual Day of Caring, when every member of staff takes a day off to work on a worthy cause, project or charity, to put something back into the community.

"It was something Bill Rouse was passionate about," said Andrew, who was interviewed while planning the Kings Hill team's chosen cause for this year – lending their manpower and skills to a fix-it day at Quest School in nearby Offham.

Andrew was born in Manchester and chose a property career because: "I always loved architecture and saw real estate as a creative industry and important to the economy."

"It's been a hugely exciting time. It tends to be an industry criticised for being slow to

react and adapt, but it's shaking that off.

"And I look at Kings Hill and I can't think of any other job where I could have been involved in building a new town from scratch – it's been a phenomenally uplifting experience."

"You can live and work there and even have a pint of proper Kentish beer there – tell me if that's not creative?"

But he added that property doesn't have to be rocket science either: "Real estate has become overcomplicated, with too much smoke and mirrors. If you stick to fundamentals you won't go wrong."

"Kent is a well-placed county; it doesn't have the best communications network though this is fast improving – HS1 [high-speed train link] has helped – and it doesn't have a big centre to its advantage."

"But it does have a high-quality, well-educated workforce, it's a not a bad place to live and not as expensive as Surrey and Berkshire."

He lives in Weybridge and divides time between Liberty's London office, Kings Hill and other developments at Solihull – a similar operation to King Hill – and Manchester.

Liberty Trust's UK arm has just 26 employees, mostly based at the Kings Hill headquarters, though the company's 40 commercial buildings are split equally between the Kent site and Solihull.

This totals around 1.5 million square feet of office space, but Liberty holds assets that could be developed into a further five million.

"We are confident we can grow and that reflects the strategy and success of Liberty in the US, where the view has always been

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# from the hill



**TOP FLIGHT:** Kings Hill has been in development for two decades and has seen the transformation of the former East Malling airfield

'we're in it for the long term' because you cannot create communities like Kings Hill overnight."

This begs the question: were others in his industry too short-termist or greedy, during the boom times?

"Definitely," he responded. "Some investors will not have had the happiest of times lately and it was because they did not follow the fundamentals: is there demand? Are my rents likely to increase?"

"And, in the 'live, work and play' approach on our developments, we have created the most holistic way for companies and their staff to operate outside of an existing town centre."

The pragmatic, long-term approach is also reflected in Liberty's reaction to the current office developers' mantra – we must be more eco.

Andrew claims Liberty has always be

environmentally-aware, using Kings Hill to pioneer water-less urinals and water conservation systems, creating its own topsoil for use in the development and even recycling the old aerodrome runway into landscape bunding on the site.

But he added this approach must always be related the economic reality of managing a development: "We don't want to 'bench test' new eco products on our customers."

"It's our job to make our buildings cheaper to run than our competition, so environmental systems have to have sustainable cost savings."

Andrew is married with two daughters and one son and enjoys cooking, gardening, skiing and watching most sports

"I guess I'm also reliving my sporting youth through my 12-year-old Harry, who is proving to be a better all-round sportsman than I was."

## THE CV

- 1987 – graduates from Nottingham University with a BSc Hons degree in urban estate surveying and goes on to qualify as chartered surveyor while working for London property consultancy St Quintin (now part of CB Richard Ellis).
- 1999 – joins larger real estate service company Jones Lang Lasalle.
- 2003 – joins Liberty Property Trust.

## ANDREW'S TOP TIPS

- Find a mentor: "Come to work with a clear head and learn from somebody you respect and you will go a long way towards doing the right thing. Two heads are better than one. I have been blessed with having several great mentors throughout my career including Bill Rouse – the man was a legend."
- Be clear about your service or product: "It's great when people come up with ideas, but how many cost it properly and check whether anyone would actually buy it? A bit of clarity goes a long way."
- Is it sustainable? Is it likely to be in demand long term? "I know Kings Hill will be in demand in a year's time, five years' time, 10 years' time and so on, because it was built with a long-term view."

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## Top tips on conferencing

A HANDY check list for the 'newbie' conference planner:

- What's the budget? There's no point in planning until you know what you can spend.
- What type of venue? Consider delegate head-count and the conference delivery style. If you have large numbers to accommodate you will need a venue with a hall, but a small 'syndicate' event could manage in a well-equipped pub with meeting room.
- What about location and transport? Pick somewhere central and accessible for everyone rather than going for the trendy or flash option.
- Visit the venue beforehand and observe how much the management and staff want your business – have they been attentive and given you the information you need?
- Talk to staff as well as the bosses. It will give you a better picture of how much delegates will enjoy their visit and how comfortable they will feel about taking in the message of the conference – they'll be less inclined to listen and learn if they are grumbling about service.
- Who let the builders in? Make sure your chosen date is not free because the venue is having alterations or refurbishments done.

If you are pushed on venue and date though, this could also give you leverage on price and services from the venue.

Make sure the management also informs you of rival events, bookings, concerts or entertainment that might clash and be a distraction.

• How much interest is the venue taking in your event? Do you get the impression you are just another booking, or is management

asking why you are holding the conference and what its objectives are and perhaps making helpful suggestions.

- Find a conference friend at the venue. It helps if there's a single and senior point of contact at the venue who is always be available to sort problems or queries or any late changes to the running order.
- How will you keep delegates fed and watered? Do you want to organise conference meal events within the meeting facilities, or in set aside dining space, or use the venue breakfast room and restaurant for a more casual arrangement?

What about vegetarians and other dietary needs – can the venue be flexible here?

- Before signing up: ask for testimonials from other customers and make sure all likely costs and charges are upfront and that there will be no nasty surprises during or after the event.
- How sophisticated does the conference presentation need to be? Will you rely on flip charts and a lecturer, laptop and projector, or do you want all the bells and whistles, with audio/visual or even – it's all the rage – actors to stimulate discussion and role-playing among delegates.

The more sophisticated you make it though, the more you'll have to hire in equipment and talent.

- Do you need a keynote speaker? This would usually be someone from outside the company who delivers a message that is both entertaining and relevant.
- Could I do better next time? Get feedback from colleagues and the venue and list what went right and wrong so you can fine tune or hand a useful report to the next 'victim'.

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## Extra time that's worth a booking

HOLIDAY Inn Maidstone has benefited from part of a £5 million technology upgrade across the hotel chain nationwide.

It includes 50-inch high definition television screens in public areas of the hotel aimed at making it a top choice venue while Fabio Capello and the England team battle it out during the World Cup.

Further cash has been invested in 32-inch flat screen TVs in all bedrooms and new high-speed internet access, to be installed during the next 12 months.

A spokesman said: "You can feel the anticipation and the fever building up to games and our new big screen TVs."

"We've also added a taste of South Africa to our food and beverage offering – guests can enjoy snacks such as Pitchside Popcorn Chicken, South African Boerewors Sausage or a Penalty Pizza."

"Our Nosh and Becks meal deal serves up an Extra Time Burger and a pint of Beck's beer."

"For those wanting a break from the football we've created havens of calm in our

## COMMENT

Holiday Inn's decision to put 'big tellies in for the footie' shows how much rests upon the World Cup commercially, especially during the economic crisis.

It also underlines how all hotels, pubs, restaurants and other venues need to look at ways to maximise business opportunities, especially if England progress to the latter stages of the tournament – despite a disappointing start.

STEVE LOADER – Business Editor

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# Single-minded pursuit leads to adventure

A DIVORCED businessman from Tunbridge Wells has launched a new company designed to appeal to single parents wanting to share action-packed holidays with their children.

Richard Gould is convinced The Kids and Me will be a hit. It offers a range of adventure holidays in the UK and abroad for single parents and their children, aged 10 years and over.

Mr Gould, whose firm is based in Calverley Park Crescent, said: "Single parent travel firms usually provide holidays to a hotel with a kids' club, and adventure travel companies have adventure travel, but what is unique about The Kids and Me is we are offering a full

package of adventure activities that the parent and children can do together."

According to figures from single parent family charity Gingerbread and the Fatherhood Institute, there are 1.7 million single mums and 200,000 single dads in the UK living with their children. That potentially means 1.7 million non-resident dads and 200,000 non-resident mums are separated from their offspring.



**RICHARD GOULD**

Mr Gould, who is a divorced father of three, said: "As a single dad, I found most adventure holiday companies were aimed really at young singles, while single-parent holidays were about going to a comfortable hotel in the sunshine and spending time apart."

"I wanted to make the most of the time together with my children, and I've found that a great way of doing this is through holidays with plenty of adventure activities. You do things together and at the end of the day you are tired, smiling and have reconnected with each other."

"We've stayed in Berber tents in the Atlas mountains, log cabins in Sweden, been coast-eering [a mixture of swimming, rockpooling and scrambling], canoeing and camping. That was where I got the idea for the company."



**DRIVEN MAN:** Richard Gould of the adventure holiday firm The Kids and Me at the wheel

"Post divorce, the traditional family-type holidays were no longer possible due to changed financial circumstances."

"So I thought it must be possible to put together great ski chalet-style food in a mountain lodge, throw in a mix of fun activities that

allow parents to do stuff together with their kids and build shared memories of special times."

"That's what The Kids and Me sets out to achieve and we're looking forward to helping single parents and their children reconnect."

Among the holidays offered are woodcraft skills in Sweden, whitewater rafting in the Pyrenees, and mountain biking on the Scottish island of Arran.

Mr Gould added: "The ethos of the company is to provide a special time, when mums or dads can relax, have fun together and take part in the activities together. There is no need to organise anything except arrival."

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**1960** 50 YEARS AGO: DEREK Minter became the first to complete a 100mph lap of the Isle of Man TT circuit on a British motorcycle, but the Canterbury rider nearly didn't live to tell the tale.

Minter clocked 101.5 mph as he closed in on the leaders during the 500cc event, but didn't realise his oil tank was leaking until it was nearly too late.

"Oil was pouring over my boots but I didn't realise anything was wrong until my machine almost skidded under me," he said. "There was nothing to do but retire."

Edenbridge's serial winner John Surtees won the 500cc event for the third year running, despite having his own bout of oil trouble. Having come second to John Hartle in the Junior 350cc section, Surtees turned the tables in the senior event, averaging 102.44mph over the 236-mile course. Minter, riding a Norton, was fourth in the 350cc section.

**1985** 25 YEARS AGO: ALMOST everything wrong with the three-day County Championship format was illustrated by Kent's stultifyingly dull draw with Nottinghamshire at Trent Bridge.

Richard Ellison came agonisingly close to a century in Kent's first innings, falling lbw on 98 as they were dismissed for 258.

Notts declared on 252 for 5 in their reply, but the trouble began when Kent batted again, as they plodded to 322 for 5 from 74 overs before going off for bad light as soon as Richard Hadlee came on to bowl, after Notts had used everyone other than the wicketkeeper, thinking a declaration was on the cards.

With any hope of a positive result long gone, Kent did declare, setting Notts a notional target of 329 in 137 minutes – they reached 159 for 1 by stumps.

Notts stood accused of doctoring the pitch to help the home bowlers, but having defeated this tactic, Kent squandered any sympathy they might have had with a sparse crowd by starting with only 10 fielders in Notts second innings – with Alan Knott AWOL and Simon Hinks keeping wicket.

**2000** 10 YEARS AGO: KRISTIAN Adams claimed the best ever figures by a debutant county bowler in the Nat West Trophy by taking 6 for 24 in 9.1 overs as Kent crushed Cumberland.

Adams, from Cleethorpes but affiliated to The Mote, took the third best figures by any Kent bowler in the competition, behind Derek Underwood (8 for 31 away to Scotland in 1977) and Alan Dixon (7 for 15 against Surrey at The Oval in 1967).

# House-hold name

**A year on from claiming the biggest win of his cycling career, Kent's Kristian House speaks to chief sports reporter DAVID PRITCHARD about the moment he became national road racing champion and his bid to defend the coveted white jersey in next weekend's race**

LINING up alongside some of the best road cyclists in the world and with a brief to play a supporting role to his team-mates, little was expected of Kristian House at the start line of last year's national road race.

But an eventful 104 miles later the experienced rider, whose previous career highlights included winning the Tour of Ireland in 2006, had left the likes of Mark Cavendish and Bradley Wiggins behind to become the 2009 national road racing champion.

"I just put my head down and went for the line, when I crossed it I didn't believe what had just happened," he said. "It still gives me goose bumps thinking about it now."

While the calibre of the field, arguably the strongest ever assembled for the race, provided one significant obstacle to victory, so did House's brief. The Rapha Condor management planned for him to ride for the team, get in any early breaks and wait for team-mates Chris Newton and Tom Southam to join him.

Fortunately for House, who was brought up in Aylesham, the race on the roads around Abergavenny did not go to plan.

He said: "I got in the early move, I pretty much started it, and that was my job. It was only in the final 60 kilometres that we realised it wasn't going to pan out the way we expected. The break lasted and Chris and Tom weren't feeling great on the day."

"If I'm honest it was probably on the final lap I first thought I could win it. I was just focused on getting on to the podium, that was the team's goal on the morning. To match that you're always happy but to be so close to winning, the competitive nature wants more."

"Peter Kennaugh is faster than I was and if Chris Froome got away I couldn't catch him, so I was looking at third."

"When Chris went with about a kilometre to go I went after him and then cramped. When Ken went I just got on his wheel, I remember thinking 'this is it'. I just gave it everything I could and caught him over the top of the climb."

As national champion, House has had the honour of wearing a special white jersey for the past year, which he will relinquish if he is unable to successfully defend his title in Lancashire this weekend. The 30-year-old has



Picture: CHERYL KING

**YEAR TO REMEMBER:** Kristian House in the white jersey he wears as the national road race champion and (inset) celebrating winning the title last year, which he bids to retain next Sunday

enjoyed his 12 months in the limelight and has at times been stunned by the level of support he has received.

He said: "In Japan last month we were waiting for one of the stages to start and five or six people came over wearing the replica jersey. It's humbling when things like that happen."

"It's something I'll have for the rest of my life, not just for this one year. It will be sad to not put the jersey on for the rest of the year if I don't defend it successfully, but that's the way it goes."

Despite being defending champion House may well be detailed to do a similar role to last year. As someone with a strong team ethic, he insists it is right not to receive any preferential treatment from his team.

"I won't want it to work like that," he said. "If I get my opportunity I'll try and take it but we have a very strong team. It's a one-day race and I'm sure people will have jobs."

House defends his title next Sunday in Nelson, near Burnley.

## Pegasus to host top gymnasts

GYMNASTS from all over Britain and across Europe will arrive in Maidstone this week to compete at the country's largest club-run gymnastics competition.

The Pegasus Open takes place at Maidstone Leisure Centre over three days, starting with the Boys Development Open, which features competitors between the ages of six and 12.

Kent will have representation from host club Pegasus, who are based in Bearsted, as well as Gillingham Gymnastics Club and the 125 boys will compete on floor, pommel, rings, vault, parallel bars and high bar.

Among those taking part across the weekend will be gymnasts from Slovakian club Slavia UK, SD Centre and SD Studenci in Slovenia as well as the Isle of Man's Ellan Vannin Club and Lisburn Salto in Ireland.

Saturday sees a 160-strong field competing for individual and team medals in the Men's Open, which uses the same six pieces of apparatus.

The Pegasus trio of Courtney Tulloch, James Hall and Joel Burch will be aiming for individual glory, while Erith's Europa Club will also feature.

A strong group from Gravesend's Meapa Gymnastics Club will then be hoping to make their mark at the Women's Open on Sunday, with a record 175 entrants competing on vault, asymmetric bars, beam and floor.

Pegasus will again be looking for success on home soil, while Europa and Gillingham complete the Kent contingent on the final day of competition.

Registration for the first events on Friday is at 12.15pm, while the final presentations will be made at approximately 9pm on Sunday.



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# Prince's on course to Open up opportunities

By **DAVID PRITCHARD**

A MAJOR redevelopment project aimed at enhancing Prince's Golf Club is well under way as the club seeks to capitalise on next year's Open Championship.

The world's best players will contest the sport's most prized trophy at next door neighbours Royal St George's next July.

With more than 100,000 spectators expected, plus a huge worldwide television audience, Prince's, in Sandwich Bay, is keen to make the most of the opportunity.

All the 90 bunkers on the club's 27 holes are in the process of renovation, with a third already completed, while work is also being done to give the greens a more traditional links-feel. The project also includes new championship tees and tweaks to the layout on some holes.

Central to the plans is the old clubhouse,



Picture: GARY JOHNSTON

**CHANGES:** All of Prince's bunkers will be renovated as part of the redevelopment

which will be transformed from a derelict shell into a lodge offering accommodation to golfers. Work has already begun and two-thirds is due to be operational by the time The Open rolls into town.

Michael Lovett, general manager at Prince's Leisure Group, is thrilled at the prospect and

is optimistic the work will put the club on a level with Royal St George's and nearby Royal Cinque Ports, who are also investing heavily.

"It saddens me because we're almost seen as the poorer relation of the three, and yet all of them have different characteristics," he said. "They are three great courses, end of story."

"We've all got to try and maximise The Open next year to keep business in that gap period between The Opens. We've to keep people coming back. If we've got a lodge in the middle of three great golf courses we can house an awful lot of visitors. I believe if we get that building right we will get even closer to Royal St George's as well."

The investment should see Prince's, a former Open venue, compete to regularly stage top quality events.

They have already expressed an interest to both the European Tour and R&A about hosting competitions, which could put them in line to hold the Walker Cup – the amateur game's version of the Ryder Cup – or become a stop on the European Challenge Tour.

## Players bid to tee up at St Andrews

THERE will be more nerves than usual on the first tee at the London Golf Club tomorrow as the region's best golfers begin their tilt at qualifying for The Open Championship.

The prospect of rubbing shoulders with the likes of Tiger Woods at St Andrews next month is tantalisingly close for the 111 players trying their luck on the Heritage Course.

The best 12-15 scores tomorrow will progress to Local Final Qualifying later this month, where a handful of spots for The Open will be up for grabs.

It is the first time the London Club has hosted a Regional Qualifying event for The Open. The club, near Ash, is one of 16 across the UK holding qualifying events tomorrow.

As well as a smattering of overseas players from as far afield as Australia and Argentina, many of the county's best players will be trying their luck.

Among them are Maidstone amateur Tom Sherreard, who came through qualifying to sensationally finish in the top-20 at Royal Birkdale two years ago. Rochester & Cobham Park's Matt Haines is also a contender, while Dartford's newly-crowned Kent Amateur champion Michael Saunders will also fancy his chances.



**TOP-20 FINISH:** Tom Sherreard

## Aitken aims to retain Tour card

AFTER a difficult first season spent on the fringes of the Ladies European Tour (LET), a revitalised Claire Aitken is reaping the benefits of a more settled approach this year.

By the 24-year-old's own admission, the 2009 campaign was a struggle at times. With no sponsorship she had to pick tournaments carefully, often based on how much it would cost to take part.

Results were predictably patchy given the circumstances, with the Gravesend golfer making just one cut before August and just three in the entire season.

It sent her back to Qualifying School, but for the second successive year, Aitken shrugged off the pressure to claim a card for 2010.

With a sponsor coming on board during the winter, the Mid Kent member can finally begin to focus purely on playing. After making three cuts in her first five tournaments, she is in no doubt the financial support has made a big difference.

She said: "I can relax and enjoy the golf rather than last year when I was worrying a lot about money, even during a round. I still want to do well this year but it's a weight off my shoulders. It allows me to play golf how I want to play and the results have got better."

As it stands, Aitken is on course to retain her card for next season and will aim to be in the reckoning at the Deutsche Bank Ladies Swiss Open, which finishes today.



Picture: ADY KERRY

**TOUGH START:** Claire Aitken is settled after struggling in her rookie season on the LET

While avoiding Qualifying School is the main aim for the rest of the campaign, Aitken also has one eye on qualifying for the Women's British Open next month. Qualifying begins at The Berkshire in Ascot on Monday, July 12.

Picture: ROGER GRAY



## Town turns out to cheer rugby heroes

GRAVESEND Rugby Club's successes of last season were shared with the town last Saturday as the Gs players paraded through the town on an open-top bus.

Supporters turned out in force to hail the Gravesend squad which won promotion to National 3 as London 1 South champions and who lifted the Kent Cup – a season unrivalled

in the club's 130-year history. The rugby club were joined on the parade by the team from Gravesend Rowing Club, who won the week-long 500-mile London to Paris race.



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AT HOME: Gills fans won't have to travel

## Gills to kick-off season at home

GILLINGHAM will begin life in League Two at home to Cheltenham Town when the new season kicks off on August 7.

The game at Priestfield will mark the competitive beginning of Andy Hessenthaler's second stint in charge and gives the new boss a good chance to get away to a winning start.

After a midweek trip to Norwich City in the Carling Cup, the Gills visit Hereford United on the second weekend of the season. After going the whole of last season without an away win in the league, the squad will be hoping to put an end to the run at Edgar Street.

### GILLINGHAM'S FIRST SIX GAMES

**SAT, AUG 7:** Cheltenham Town (home)  
**FIRST MIDWEEK:** Norwich City (away) – Carling Cup first round

**SAT, AUG 14:** Hereford United (a)

**SAT, AUG 21:** Lincoln City (h)

**SAT, AUG 28:** Morecambe (a)

**SAT, SEPT 4:** Bury (a)

The first month of the season is completed by a home game against Lincoln City and then a trip to Morecambe's new stadium on the Bank Holiday weekend.

Gillingham will be reunited with former boss Mark Stimson on November 23 when they visit his new side, Barnet.

The Gills visit Aldershot on Boxing Day, while newly promoted Stevenage visit Priestfield on New Year's Day. Their Easter weekend sees Barnet visit Kent on the Saturday, before Gillingham visit Rotherham 48 hours later.

## Kent League to field 16 teams

THE Kent League is expected to go ahead with 16 teams next season after VCD Athletic lost their appeal against demotion from the Ryman League.

The club finished eighth in the Ryman North last season but their Oakwood ground failed grading requirements, which saw them demoted. Their appeal was rejected on Thursday and they were expected to be voted into the Kent League at its Annual General Meeting, which took place after this newspaper went to press.

VCD's addition would mean the league remains at 16 teams for the 2010-11 season, replacing last season's champions Faversham Town, who will line up in the Ryman South in August. Hopes of Phoenix Sports being admitted from the County League were scuppered after they were unable to get the planning permission needed to make ground improvements.

Speaking before the AGM, Denise Richmond, Kent League chairman, admitted the situation with VCD was not ideal.

She said: "We've got mixed feelings. The positive is we would have 16 clubs, but the disappointment is VCD would have to come down like that when it feels not right somehow."

There will be a change in the reserve leagues, with one team leaving and another joining. Greenwich Borough have applied to enter a team, while Dartford, who finished fourth in Division One last season, have withdrawn.

The league also plans to look into restructuring its cup competitions to give its clubs more games next season.

# Ex-Gunner predicts happy Hayes ahead

## New Dover boss in vow to bring success to club still in shock from Hendon exit

By TOM HOWARD

NEW Dover Athletic boss Martin Hayes is convinced he is the right man to lead the club and bring some stability at Crabble after Ian Hendon quit just 18 days into his spell in charge.

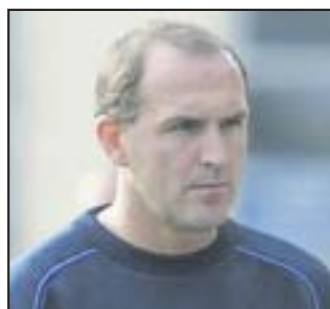
The Whites moved quickly to appoint Hayes after learning on Tuesday afternoon that Hendon was taking up a job as assistant manager at Gillingham.

Hayes, the former Arsenal player and Bishop's Stortford boss, who applied along with Hendon for the vacant manager's post last month when Andy Hessenthaler left the Conference South side for Gillingham, has penned one-year contract at Crabble.

Hayes said: "I was pleased the chairman [Jim Parmenter] made the call. I think I'm the right man for the job. I'm ambitious and would love to have the opportunity to manage them in the Conference."

The departure of Hessenthaler and Hendon in the space of a month has delayed the Whites' attempts to build a squad ready to battle for promotion next season.

Defender Tom Wynter and midfielder Joe Tabiri are the only new faces to



**NOW AND THEN:** Martin Hayes (right) at Arsenal in 1987, and (above) the new Dover boss today

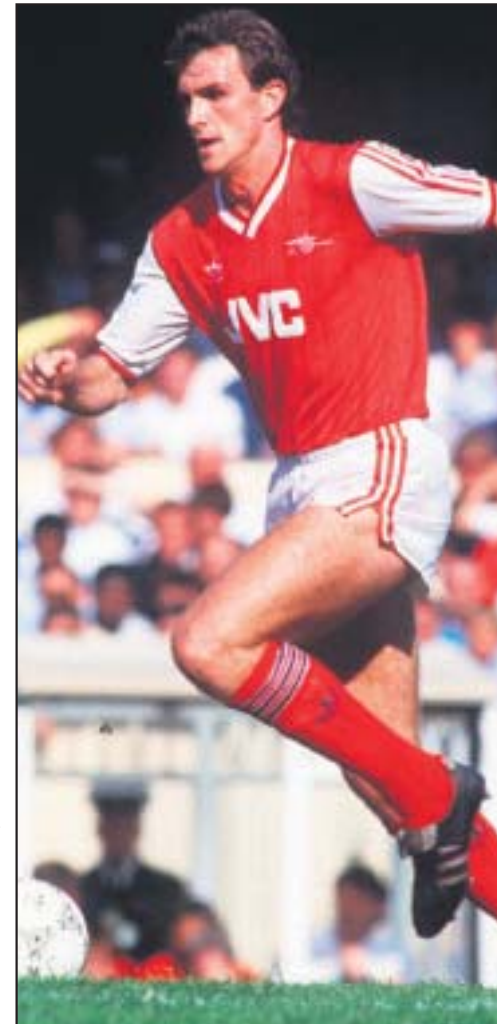
join during the close season and the new boss intends to bring in more new players in the coming weeks.

He said: "The squad is probably only 75 per cent full so I will need to look at where we need to strengthen. I like to get at teams with pace on the wings and up front. Those are the areas I will look to strengthen first."

The 44-year-old will be familiar to some Whites supporters after a brief spell with the club in 1995, and he hopes the fans will rally behind him for next season.

He said: "I hope they see the appointment not as a backwards step. The wheels have not come off the bus and the club is in good hands and hopefully the supporters will see me coming to the club as a positive move."

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## Kent football chief's praise for faithful club members at annual gathering

SEVERAL stalwarts were presented with a Long and Meritorious Service Award at the Kent County Football Association's AGM last night.

Cyril Burrluck and his twin brother Len, brothers Richard and Colin Turner, Keith Rudland, Phillip Burrows and Mick Highgate were all recognised for their dedication to the county's football scene.

Keith Masters, chief executive at the KCFA, said: "I think we have seven outstanding nominees. Between them they have accumulated some 360 years' voluntary service to their clubs and remarkably they have shown loyalty to their clubs by amassing a total of some 249 years to individual clubs."

To be eligible a nominee has to have served for at least 40 years.

"Over the years we've honoured a lot of very deserving people," Masters said.

"They've given a lot of time and money to ensure people get a game of football. We applaud them and honour them."

Unusually this year there are two sets of brothers nominated.

The Burrluck twins have been a staple of the North Kent football scene since they began playing for Colyer Road School in 1947.

Cyril has been secretary of Hollisters FC for the last 45 years and refereed up until last season. His younger twin, Len, has been with Milton & Denton for the last 34 years and is still an active referee.

Richard and Colin Turner were founder members of Westcliff United in 1962 and have been there ever since, with Colin only retiring from playing in 2007, at the age of 58.

Keith Rudland scored more than 1,000 goals in the Medway leagues and has worked for the Ministry of Defence at the Garrison Ground in Gillingham for the past 26 years.

Phillip Burrows, better known as 'Pip' first played for Park Celtic in 1970. He joined Stone Street, now St Lawrence, in 1973 and has been actively involved with the Sevenoaks & District League since 1978.

Mick Highgate is the final candidate, having served Dowgate FC for the last 41 years.



**DEDICATED:** Keith Masters praised long-term club members nominated for an award

Pictures: IGOR KUPCO



# 'We just patch them up and put them back out'

## Kent coach says time for training has been at a premium

By **GLENN PEARSON**

PAUL Farbrace says county coaches have been forced into a "patch them up and send them back out" policy with their players due to a fixture congested season.

Kent have played 21 games in the last month-and-a-half, making coaching almost impossible as the players travel around the country to fulfil fixtures in three domestic competitions.

Farbrace, Kent's head coach, has been denied time to spend with his players to iron out any technical difficulties, making this week's five-day rest between games the only window so far this season he has been able to work with his players in the nets at St Lawrence.

### Technique

"We've had five days this season to the start of t20 for practice days and on three of them we've had to travel," he said. "With someone like Joe Denly who has perhaps battled for some form, until the t20 came around and until this week, we haven't really had a chance to stop and work out his technique.

"You go from game to game and you can't pick the bones out of a bloke's technique and show him video footage because there isn't time. It's been a case of patching them up and putting them out onto the field and trying to talk positive about their game.

"They know they are struggling, you know they are struggling, but there isn't time to do anything about it."

It's been a frenetic return to county cricket for the 42-year-old, who took over from Graham Ford at the end of last season. A limited budget, the loss of Ryan McLaren and Justin Kemp, combined with injuries in the



**HECTIC SCHEDULE:** Paul Farbrace, pictured with bowler Matt Coles, says players don't have the time to practice  
Picture: ADY KERRY

seam bowling department, has made for a testing summer and the former Sri Lanka assistant coach admits Kent's poor start to the season had him questioning his own credentials at times.

"The first six weeks were really difficult having not won a game and you do take it personally," he admitted. "You do go home some nights after a defeat, or a game you should have won but have drawn, and question yourself and wonder whether it's something that you are doing. You have just got to keep your belief, work hard and believe in what you are doing.

"But, in the last month we have played some really good cricket and started to see we have a good side, but we are just struggling bowling-wise. The most frustrating thing is we signed Dewald Nel as a squad bowler and he has been injured; Robbie Joseph as your strike bowler has been injured and that means you are a bit toothless in terms of your attack."

Before taking over the reigns at the end of last summer, Farbrace vowed he would give the county's young players a chance in the side if they proved themselves and he has stuck to his word.

Sam Northeast, Alex Blake and Matt Coles have all featured, and had to at certain stages of the season due to injury, but their involvement and with the likes of Adam Ball and Ashley Shaw likely to feature before the end of the season, means relying on overseas imports and Kolpaks signings could be a thing of the past.

"One of my goals was to make sure we played our young players, while trying to be as successful as you possibly can," said Farbrace.

"That's a balancing act we are going to have to get used to. With Blake, Coles and Northeast, they are showing good signs for the future and when times are tough you have to keep reminding yourself they are the real bonuses to have come out of your season so far."



**LONG-AWAITED:** Robbie Joseph's return

## Joseph back for Pakistan tourists' visit

KENT members will get to see Robbie Joseph for the first time in more than a year as the fast bowler is set to feature in the tourist match against Pakistan at the end of the month.

Joseph has been sidelined since mid-June last year after undergoing surgery on a shoulder injury and although he made an appearance for the second-team this summer, a build up of fluid on the shoulder joint has interrupted his progress.

However, the 28-year-old has continued his work with Kent physio Nimmo Reid and the county have pencilled in a first-class return for the LV= County Championship game against Hampshire at the Rose Bowl, providing he comes through the three-day match with Pakistan on June 28 unscathed.

### Pressure

Head coach Paul Farbrace said: "If he comes through that nicely we are hoping he will be available to play in the championship game at the Rose Bowl the following week.

"If we can get him back then that would really take some pressure of our bowling attack and we may be in that luxurious position of being able to rotate our seamers for the second half of the season.

"It would be great for him as he hasn't played for a year. I know people have given him a bit of stick, but the lad has worked so hard, as has physio Nimmo Reid."

While Joseph is set for a return, fellow seamer Amjad Khan (hamstring) and opening batsman Joe Denly (calf) will miss out on today's Friends Provident t20 visit of Somerset Sabres, but should be available for one of the back-to-back games against Surrey and Middlesex in midweek.

Also on the injury front, James Hockley had a net at St Lawrence this week, his first since injuring a hamstring against Essex last month, but is still unable to run.

## Mos welcome league change

CHANGES made to the English National Ice Hockey League (ENIHL) structure have been warmly welcomed by Invicta Dynamos.

The leagues will feature more teams next season, with the ENIHL South Division 1 expanded to 11 teams. Last season's whipping boys Peterborough Islanders and fellow strugglers Haringey Greyhounds have dropped out, replaced by Romford Raiders, Swindon ENL Wildcats and Bristol Pitbulls.

The modifications mean clubs have four more league games for next season and Kevin Parrish, head coach of the Medway-based Invicta Dynamos, believes they will have a positive effect.

He said: "We'll have more games which is better for the home crowd and more local derbies which always keep the crowd entertained. It's good for the league, it seems to get stronger every year."

There have also been changes to the post season. The play-offs have reverted to a straight forward knock-out from the much-criticised pool phase structure, while the end of season national championship between the North 1 and South 1 divisional winners has been reinstated.



**POSITIVE EFFECT:** Invicta Dynamos

## School Games a chance for everyone, says Kelly

THOUSANDS of schoolchildren across the county are preparing to play their part as the second Kent School Games reaches its climax.

More than 30,000 children from 545 schools have been involved since the games were launched in October, in what is believed to be the largest school sports event in Europe.

After almost nine months of heats, 6,000 will participate in the finals of the 38 sports involved over the next fortnight, battling to become county champions.

Hildenborough's Dame Kelly Holmes, who has backed the project from the beginning, will attend the opening ceremony in Maidstone on Wednesday.

The double Olympic champion is thrilled with the event's success and believes it has improved on the inaugural Kent School Games in 2008.

She said: "It gives the young people a really big platform to experience multi-sport events in front of big crowds. It's uniting so many people from different schools in Kent, it's a brilliant event.

"It's an event where mass participation happens, which is brilliant, but it's also for those that are skilled and can excel in sport.

"That's a great mix, it's not just elitist and it's not just about taking part, it is about competi-



**SUPPORT:** Kelly Holmes with young hockey players at the Kent School Games launch

tion and everyone gets a chance to have a go."

The Kent School Games' success has not gone unnoticed. Holmes, along with new sports minister and Faversham and Mid Kent MP Hugh Robertson, has long pushed for the Kent model to be taken on and made into a national event.

Plans are now under way looking into creating a 'Schools Olympics', possibly to coincide with the London Olympics in 2012.

Holmes said: "It would be great if the Schools Olympics does come off, Kent can be proud to say they were the start of a wider event."

Picture: MATTHEW WALKER

Picture: DAVID TREVALION



# Holt exits Fleet with ex-chief to step in his shoes

DEPARTING Ebbsfleet United chairman Duncan Holt admits the MyFootballClub model has not quite clicked yet, but insists the club is stable and in good hands.

Holt stepped down this week to make way for Phil Sonsara, who moves up from his role as chief executive while Holt will remain at Stonebridge Road as vice-chairman.

In his 10-month reign at Stonebridge Road, Holt oversaw a turbulent period for the Fleet which culminated in relegation from Blue Square Premier in April.

Eventually, work commitments restricted the time he could dedicate to the Fleet and Sonsara – a retired accountant – will act as a full-time chairman, something Holt could never commit to.

Holt said: "It's fantastic to be chairman of your local football club, whatever rubbish comes your way. I wouldn't have swapped it for anything, but Phil's in a better position to do it than me."

"With MyFootballClub, we still haven't got it 100 per cent right. If we can do that, we'll have a membership who are excited – people will either love it or they'll all be annoyed."

He added: "The big disappointment was getting relegated and not being able to really change the process we had last year."

"We've not been able to put a budget down as early as we'd have liked and we've ended up in the same position as this time last year."

Sonsara's first task as chairman will be to finalise the details of manager Liam Daish's new contract, with the boss then facing the task of assembling next season's squad from scratch.

# NOT QUITE SO FRIENDLY NOW

## Dover consider cancelling pre-season match against Gills amid fears over Hess backlash

By DAVID PRITCHARD

DOVER Athletic are considering cancelling their pre-season friendly with Gillingham to avoid the risk of a "backlash" from supporters in the wake of Ian Hendon's shock move to Priestfield this week.

The former Barnet manager walked out on the Blue Square South club just 18 days after being unveiled as manager. His U-turn saw him head to Gillingham as assistant to Andy Hessenthaler, who was released from his contract at Dover last month to take up the job as manager of the League Two club.

The Whites were powerless to prevent the move as Hendon did not have time to put pen to paper on his one-year contract before going on holiday.

Supporters reacted angrily to the news on the club's forum and chairman Jim Parmenter admitted it put Gillingham's pre-season visit on July 24 in jeopardy.

He said: "I think inevitably the fan base are very passionate about Dover, they love the club and they will not be too happy with the events."

"We're going to review [the friendly]. I'm a bit concerned that the backlash might cause us a few problems. When the dust has settled we will review it and will make the decision in the next week. I don't want any issues around a pre-season friendly."

### Integrity

The situation arose after Mark Robson walked away from his role as Hessenthaler's assistant at Gillingham less than a month after taking the job, due to personal reasons.

Hendon, a close friend of the new Gills boss, was still on holiday when he was approached and was immediately interested in returning to the Football League.

While the 38-year-old was irked by a statement on Dover's website which questioned his integrity, he regretted the way the situation had turned out.

"The chairman at Dover is a business man, I'm sure he has upset a few people from time to time," he said. "It wasn't my intention at all, Dover is a very good club with a very professional set-up, that's why I verbally accepted the job. I'm sure they will do well."

"The statement that came out, I can't complain with what it said. There were a

**CONTROVERSY:**  
Andy Hessenthaler's signing of Ian Hendon (below left), from Dover, 'crossed a line' says Whites chairman Jim Parmenter (below right)



Picture: ADY KERRY



few things that maybe upset me a little bit, but I can understand their frustration.

"I was probably in the wrong and I have to accept what comes my way. I sincerely apologise."

Although Hendon was subject to criticism, most of Dover's anger has been aimed at Hessenthaler. The 44-year-old had been popular with the club's fans during a successful three years in charge, but if next month's friendly does go ahead he is unlikely to be given a warm welcome.

Parmenter felt Hessenthaler's move for Hendon had "crossed a line", particularly in the wake of Darren Hare leaving Dover to take over Gillingham's youth set-up.

Although accepting the manner of the

appointment was not ideal, Hessenthaler couldn't hide his delight at teaming up with Hendon.

He said: "I don't feel too bad about it because I have only got to go through the fantastic set of players who I brought to the club. I can understand their frustration, but life goes on."

"I needed someone who was right for me at this club. Ian hadn't signed a contract and I asked a question. He wanted to stay in the league. I'm delighted we've got him."

• For an interview with Martin Hayes, Dover's new manager, see page 102.

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GILLINGHAM have made their first signings of the summer with the addition of two young strikers on free transfers.

Stefan Payne arrives from Fulham on a two-year deal, who snapped him up last

season following a prolific start to the season at Sutton United.

The 19-year-old went on to become a regular in the reserves at Craven Cottage.

Andrew White, also 19, has signed a one-year

contract after completing his apprenticeship with Reading.

He never made a senior appearance for the Royals but did score at Priestfield when playing for their reserves last year.

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# Chelsea colour combinations

By JANE JEWIT

THE Chelsea Flower Show was a fabulous afternoon. There is really nothing quite like it. It is the grandest of all the flower shows, and we are so lucky to have it on our doorstep.

Many people regularly come from all over the world to visit Chelsea, and it is clear to see its attraction.

It is like looking at a classic work of art; in each show garden every tiny brushstroke has been meticulously planned. Each has a theme, possibly related to their main sponsor. The designer has his own style, and he will demonstrate the theme of the garden while at the same time proving his talents as the designer.

The degree of preparation required to get each garden ready for show to the judges, the press, the media, and of course the public, cannot be underestimated.

Is the public the hardest judge of all? As I made my way to the ropes at the front of each show garden it was easy to overhear comments like, "Well, that would never be possible where I come from" or "My verbasiums are nowhere near flowering yet". Comments like those, though, are more often drowned out by all the "oohs and aahs" and gasps of admiration.

There are certain rules adhered to for the show gardens that are equally valid at home.

The dominant colours of Chelsea were lime, purple and white. Purple and yellow are opposite one another in the colour wheel; the best colour combinations arise when two colours are almost opposites. Add white as a base



**WILD ABOUT COLOUR:** One show garden used dark purple *Aquilegia* with very fine feathery grasses; it was simple and beautiful

colour to complete the theme. *Nepeta* and *Alchemilla mollis* are easy to grow and flower at the same time, then add a touch of white with a foxglove, cornflower or geranium.

Plants with contrasting textures add interest to a garden, for example a tall grass spring-

ing out from under the large flat leaves of *Rodgersia sambucifolia*. Or common cow parsley with its gorgeous feathery foliage alongside foxgloves and clipped box balls. One show garden used dark purple *Aquilegia* with very fine feathery grasses; it was simple and beautiful.

Take away from Chelsea the colour combinations, the texture combinations, the intensity of colour and fragrance inside the marquees, the juxtaposition of topiary with wildflowers.

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# Let's hear it for New York

By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

HAVING inspired cocktails, clothes, and a taste for skyscraper heels, the *Sex And The City* girls are now showing us ways to dress our homes.

Because it's not just the ladies' latest fashions which are on parade in the new film, *SATC 2*, but their interiors style as, with the exception of Samantha, they shake off their singleton status, and put more time into home-making.

"I've been cheating on fashion with furniture," quips clothes-aholic Carrie Bradshaw (Sarah Jessica Parker) in one of the opening scenes of the movie.

Certainly, the New York apartment she and her new husband 'Big' (Chris Noth) share on uber-trendy Fifth Avenue, Manhattan, plays a key role in the action, and the secrets of its style and decor are revealed in a new book, *Sex And The City 2*.

"I think we spent more time on this space than on anything else in the film," admits the film's director, Michael Patrick King.

Carrie, who used to live in a girly flat, has managed to incorporate her trademark quirky touches – lights, antiques sourced from flea markets, rugs and collections of books and treasures – into a space which also has many masculine elements, such as retro furnishings and dark woods.

"My thought... was that Carrie decorated this with a decorator who had a very keen eye as to what would make Big comfortable," explains King.

"The fun for me and the design team was to figure out how Carrie would interpret her and



Big as a couple. It's not Carrie Bradshaw – her redecorated apartment at the end of the last movie was all colour and feminine, like a little girl's bedroom. And it's not Big's bachelor apartment, either which was sort of modern and shark-like."

Some things haven't changed. The girl who sparked a trend for walk-in wardrobes and famously said in the TV series, "I like my money where I can see it, hanging in my closet" has a king-sized space for designer dresses in the new home.

But it's not simply urban-chic that's on show when East meets West and Samantha (Kim Cattrall), Charlotte (Kristin Davis), Miranda

(Cynthia Nixon) and Carrie, go on a luxurious vacation to Abu Dhabi (filmed in Morocco).

So kick off those heels, pour yourself a cocktail and swot up on getting the *SATC* look for your home.

We've done all the homework and sourced homeware used in the film to make it easy! **SITTING PRETTY IN THE CITY**

In the film, once she's away from home Carrie still shows her wild streak, but the lounge of her apartment shrieks mature married respectability.

Set decorator, Lydia Marks, was reportedly inspired by interior sets of old Hollywood movies such as Alfred Hitchcock's thrillers.

She used rugs and "colours and patterns (to) bring some femininity into what would otherwise be a more masculine space".

Two fifties-style chairs sit formally on either side of a large wood-framed sofa, upholstered in blue wool-mohair from Donghia. The furniture's grouped around a Sixties-style coffee table.

*Get the look:* Follow in the star's footsteps and dress a floor in the same rug used in the film, the pretty Candy Flower by Marni for The Rug Company, £2,860.

Carrie also plumps and cuddles the company's vibrant Birdie Blossom cushion by Paul Smith, £275.

Replicate a New York landscape with a photographic wall canvas of the famous skyline. A 'Nostalgic New York Roomset' from Digetex's new *Sex And The City* collection can also be printed on a blind or cushion. Prices start from £49.

Switch on to the film's lighting style with OKA's version of the apartment's slim floor lamps. Faux Shagreen standing lamp, £355.

## CARRIE'S KITCHEN RECIPE

Carrie's hot on the keyboard but slaving over a stove isn't her style – so she and Big eat out or have takeaways.

As she once said: "The only thing that I have ever successfully made in the kitchen is a mess. And several little fires."

The kitchen is very retro in feel, with its centrepiece, an Ercol-style dining set, complemented by dark wood units and aqua-blue wall tiles.

*Get the look:* A Starflower Blue rug by Edward Barber and Jay Osgerby, £3,135 from the Rug Company, takes centre stage in the movie.

Mimic the look with Fifties-style dining room table with slanted legs £695, dining chairs in matching oak, £185 each, from Graham & Green.

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# The girls are back with their second movie, Sex and the City 2. We look at ways to replicate Carrie and Co's style

## SNACKS IN THE CITY

Entertaining – not just cocktails with girlie pals – is the name of the game when you're Carrie and married to a wealthy tycoon.

The dining room has a French 1940s mahogany table, and custom-made chairs upholstered in Lee Jofa print fabric. A large oxidised metal chandelier makes a statement.

**Get the look:** You could take a shine to a similar light, a Pembridge pendant light, £620, made of overlapping tiers of fine bone china which diffuses light to create a soft, atmospheric glow.

It comes in three sizes and is also available as a table light or floor light from Original BTC.

## ON SCREEN SANCTUARY

Carrie and Big snuggle in a bedroom that's opulent with purple silk curtains, and is decorated with a blend of pattern and texture with muted brown and gold



colour scheme. Their bed is lavishly dressed in layers of linen, silk and velvet.

And the only item they ever argue about in the home is in the bedroom – the flat-screen TV Big misguidedly installs as an unwelcome anniversary present for Carrie.

By contrast, in real-life, actress Sarah Jessica Parker has reportedly chosen a more sentimental way to hide a TV in the bedroom of her beach retreat home.

Her television is disguised by a sliding panel decorated with an architectural image of her character Carrie's studio flat, which is her sentimental souvenir of the hit TV series that made her famous.

**Get the look:** Replicate a diva's boudoir with a wallpaper used in the film, a dramatic black and silver Rose Damask Paper Lace, £68 a roll from Occa-home.

The 1920s pattern was designed by Glasgow company, Timorous Beasties and lace mill, Morton Young & Borland, North Ayrshire.

Conjure sweet city dreams with a duvet set, £26, by TV designers, Colin and Justin, featuring a city skyline from Matalan.

## ESSENTIAL HOLLYWOOD EXTRAS

Even if you haven't got a desirable stateside pad, you can still bring on the glamour with finishing touches to give your home SATC sparkle.

As Carrie said in the TV series: "I admit it's tempting to wish for the perfect boss – the perfect parent – or the perfect outfit."

"But maybe the best any of us can do is not quit, play the



hand we've been dealt, and accessorise what we've got."

**Get the look:** The girls love cocktails – Cosmopolitans, Manhattans and Martinis – and Drinkstuff has the official SATC glass, £11.99 decorated with the Sex And The City logo in pink on one side and Kiss And Tell on the other.

A sleek bar for serving and storing the shaker and the glasses is a must. Although you might need a drink to steady the nerves over the price, a black and nickel Eichholtz Harry's Bar table, £870, from Occa-home is a stunner.

## CARRIE ON UP THE CASBAH

Luxurious, decadent, Eastern settings were a perfect backdrop for scenes of the SATC girls adventures romping, shopping, bonding and generally kicking up a storm in the desert.

The four fashionistas' holiday was filmed in Marrakech, although the story's set in Abu Dhabi.

**Get the look:** Lounge like a true diva, no matter what the British weather on the La Luna daybed made from synthetic wicker

with voile drapes, £1,499, from John Lewis.

Buffing the body's essential if you're a star, and sultry soaking and pampering could be a magical experience in a Moroccan-inspired bathroom from Bathrooms International.

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# Contain your climbers

By **HANNAH STEPHENSON**

SWEET peas are the most obvious choice and are still available in garden centres. Just a small pot of them should give you enough plants to cover canes or other supports and when they flower you should cut them regularly to give you the same scent and colour indoors as you'll have outside.

With sweet peas, the more you pick, the more prolific the flowering will become. Don't let them run to seed or the plant takes that as an indicator that flowering is

If you need height and colour on your patio and you have a couple of large pots to hand, there's still time to plant a mixture of climbers to cover an obelisk or wigwam this summer to provide you with a riot of colour

over and will stop producing more blooms.

Some clematis work really well in pots and good garden centres can recommend suitable types for the size of the pot and the area you have to cover. Clematis which build up a

framework of branches, such as the early and mid-season hybrids, are the easiest to train, but take note of the height they'll reach before investing.

Good specimens for pots include C. 'The President', which has deep purple blue flowers from late spring to early autumn, growing to 3m (10ft) and C. 'Edith', which bears large white flowers and deep red anthers, growing to 2m (6ft).

Some climbing annuals can provide a blaze of colour during the summer months, including black-eyed Susan (*Thunbergia alata*), which is perennial in its native Africa, but an annual here. Its stems wrap around supports to reach 2.5m (8ft) and it produces pretty yellow or orange flowers with a chocolate eye from summer through to autumn. Put it in a sheltered spot, shaded from the hottest sun.

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canary creeper (*Tropaeolum peregrinum*), which produces bright yellow flowers with large upper petals that look like a bird's wings. It will flower all summer and can reach up to 4m (13ft) tall.

Of course, no obelisk would be complete without nasturtiums, those sizzling flowers in shades of acid yellow, orange and red, which can ideally be placed near the kitchen so you can add the peppery leaves and flowers to salads. Look for the climbing varieties such as *T. majus* 'Jewel of Africa' and *T. majus* 'Tall Single Mixed' to give you columns of colour all summer long.

Other climbers which are ideal for containers include Morning Glory (*Ipomoea tricolor*), a half-hardy annual with large, trumpet-shaped flowers in blue or purple which will reach 1.5m (5ft) in a pot, Clematis 'Evening Star' and 'Kingfisher', as well as *Trachelospermum jasminoides* 'Variegatum', one of the best scented white climbers, which bears showers of starry white flowers which turn cream as they age.

When choosing a climber for the patio, select a container at least 45cm (18in) deep and wide. Plants always go better in larger pots.

Bear in mind that one container thoughtful-

ly positioned can serve as a focal point. If you want more than one pot, plant matching or toning plants in containers grouped around it, but not masking the climber itself. Make sure the grouped pots are similar in style and colour.



**POTS OF COLOUR:** Far left top, sweet peas; far left below, clematis; left, nasturtium; above left, morning glory; and above, white clematis can be planted now for lots of colour



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By **GABRIELLE FAGAN**

WE ALL want our homes to be comfortable, safe sanctuaries but occasionally it's good to go a little wild.

You could take inspiration from South Africa – the host nation for this year's football World Cup – and hunt down safari style for rooms.

Bag 'big game' – by featuring animal print homeware, zebra and tiger stripes or leopard spots – and complement it with richly grained, dark wood furniture and colourful tribal print fabrics to conjure a desirable off-the-beaten-track atmosphere.

And take satisfaction from being ahead of the herd trend-wise as designers are predicting this 'natural and exotic' look is already gaining such popularity that it's guaranteed to star in the autumn home collections.

"Everyone is going wild for rooms inspired by the great outdoors and this is an extension of that. A really popular look for both fashion and interiors currently is tribal or global style which embraces world-wide influences," says Claire Hornby, creative stylist at Barker & Stonehouse.

"Animal prints look best in a natural, ethnic background but don't worry if your home doesn't resemble something from Out of Africa because any kind of dark, chunky wooden furniture will work."

African Safari Design originates back to the late 1800s when Britain colonised Africa.

The jungle's lush natural resources and a multitude of tribal designs inspired a fusion of British Colonial and African traditions which have translated into today's sophisticated African Safari decor.

The secret to decorating successfully with animal print is to use contrast in textures – leather, silks, linens and wools – and layer colour shades which can range from light neutrals through to sludgy browns, dusky tan and oranges.

All you have to beware of is looking like a 'trophy hunter' with too many animal prints 'roaming' your rooms.

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# Go wild with safari style

## Travelling to the World Cup football matches may be beyond the budget, but you could win on the home front by conjuring South Africa's safari style in rooms



maximum of two elements such as a cow skin rug in soft browns and creams on a wooden floor, and subtly enhance the effect with a scattering of zebra print cushions.

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strong colour for a fitting backdrop, and end up with a relaxing room that's perfect for summer.

"Begin by painting walls dark beige or brown. You can leave it at that, or if you have time you could embellish them by creating your own tribal pattern on the wall," suggests Claire.

"Experiment with a few designs on paper and

ideally cut a stencil. Use tester paint pots to colour it in. Black, dark brown, green and orange perhaps mimicking the shape of tropical foliage will look great against the lighter background."

*Wild things:* Lucky Leopard, Giant Giraffe or Scruffy Cow are animal-inspired designs which can feature on blinds, wallpaper, cushions and canvases. They are available from the Skins collection at Digetex. All start from around £35 per metre square.

I love the brilliantly quirky giant Elephant and Zebra wall stickers, £79.98 each, from B&Q, and its Leopard Print wallpaper, £14.98 a roll.

### WALK ON THE WILD SIDE

Hardwood flooring or carpets and rugs in natural, eco-friendly materials such as jute, coir, seagrass and wool, and dark wood shutters or blinds for windows could heighten a colonial feel.

"An African theme for rooms was popular a decade ago but has recently roared back into fashion," said leading interior designer, Greg Kinsella, who has given the look a chic contemporary twist by using fresh, bright shades on



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"The beauty of safari style is that you only need a few accessories to add instant interest and impact to a room. Also, this look is unusual in appealing equally to both men and women as it's not twee but is sensual without being girly. Its characteristic earthy, natural tones and tactile textures translate well into any setting."

**Wild things:** Track down a zebra print rug runner, from £35 from Next, or sheepskin rugs in honey gold, chocolate brown, black and cream, from £35 each from Marks & Spencer. Its large brown and cream cowhide rug is £299. Win roars of approval for your unusual storage style with a leopard print trunk, £124, from Eastern Influence.

#### SLINKY SEATING

In hot and humid climes, furniture is kept to a minimum so air can circulate, so don't overcrowd a room with too much large furniture.

Lie back and think of Africa as you lounge on distressed leather sofas or just give an existing sofa a revamp by dressing it with a faux fur throw.

Distinctive chairs are fast emerging as affordable statement pieces for rooms, and you could capture this style by displaying one upholstered in faux fur or made from hides sourced after managed culls.

**Wild things:** A Cavendish Safari sofa upholstered in chocolate brown leather and velvet with velvet Safari animal print scatter cushions. It's £853, from Sofa & Home.

A faux-fur Leopard Print Bar Stool, £159.85 from Drinkstuff, is gloriously kitsch and could be an ideal perch as you sup a pint while watching a big match.

Two budget choices are a Zebra-print fold up chair with cup holder, £12 from Next, and a cow print throw, £22 from Tesco Home.

#### SAFARI SANCTUARY

The mystery and romance of safaris first entranced people in the early 1900s, and those ingredients are ideally suited to atmospheric bedrooms. Evoke retro traveller's style with a four-poster bed with floaty muslin drapes or mosquito nets, or one with a carved solid wood headboard.

Add some zest with animal print bedding and authentic African accessories.

**Wild things:** Barker and Stonehouse has a rose-wood furniture range with an old-world ambience to perfectly complement a trib-

al room. A Borneo Colonial Bed is £3,115.

Get your paws on Argos' Inspired Collection Animal Print bedding. A fur-effect animal print tub chair, £129.99. A single duvet and pillowcase, £14.99, and cushions £9.99.

House Couturier has captured the atmosphere of southern Africa with its online collection of Fairtrade products, African cushions, feathered lights and porcupine quill mirrors.

An exquisite Guinea Fowl Cone Lampshade costs £298.

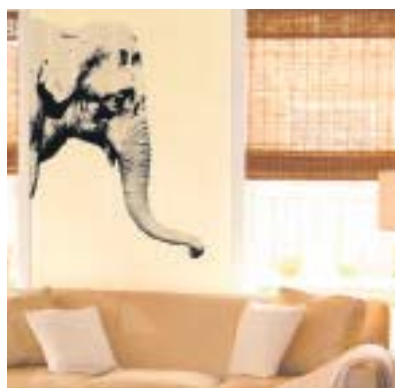
#### TRIBAL TREATS

Details such as carved wooden animals, African pottery or evocative wall prints, and tropical plants may be all that's needed to set the scene.

**Wild things:** Soccer fans can 'fly the flag' with a Jan Constantine cushion, £75, combining a black and white leopard print with a Union Jack design.

There's no need to confine the style to living areas. Transform tame bathrooms and enliven them with a leopard print shower curtain, £14.98 from B&Q, and tiger print towels by designer, Julien Macdonald, which start from £2 from Debenhams.

Treat the smallest room in the house to a Safari Gold collection of three toilet rolls in zebra, leopard and giraffe prints, delicately perfumed with African inspired scents. A set is £5.99 from Totally Funky.



#### Safari sources

- Argos: 0845 640 1010/www.argos.co.uk
- Asda: 0500 100 055/www.asda.co.uk
- Barker & Stonehouse: 01642 230 988/www.barkerandstonehouse.co.uk
- B&Q: 0845 850 0175/www.diy.com
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## POTATO BLIGHT

Potato blight is a serious fungal infection which can strike anytime, anywhere. It is especially prevalent in warm, damp conditions. Spuds need to be regularly and thoroughly looked over throughout the growing season, with an extra-keen eye cast over the crop during thundery, humid spells in high-summer.



**ONION CROP:** Time to dig up shallots (above) and check for potato blight (right)

Blight shows itself initially as brown blotches which appear at the sides and ends of leaves. Turn them over, and a fine ring of white fluff around the brown patches is visible in damp conditions. When unchecked, leaves and stems (haulm) die back within a day or two. If earthing-up has failed to cover the tubers with sufficient soil then blight spores can infect the plant underground as well. This will ruin a crop, turning it into an unpleasant soft, wet, smelly mush.

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• On The Plot With Dirty Nails (ISBN 9781905862320) is available from [www.dirtynails.co.uk](http://www.dirtynails.co.uk) or Amazon, rrp £10.99.



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